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<b>(54) Title:</b> HUMAN CD26 AND METHODS FOR USE  <b>(57) Abstract</b>  <p>A polypeptide fragment or analog of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally-occurring binding interaction between CD45 and CD26, and a method of screening such compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, which method includes the steps of: a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45; b) incubating the first sample in the presence of a candidate compound; c) incubating the second sample in the absence of the candidate compound; d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to the first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26 antibody; e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to the second sample a second aliquot of the antibody; and f) determining whether the amount of CD45 present in the first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD45 present in the second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD45 in the first immunoprecipitate than in the second immunoprecipitate indicating that the candidate compound inhibits the binding.</p>		

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#### HUMAN CD26 AND METHODS FOR USE

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#### Background of the Invention

The field of the invention is human T cell  
10 activation antigens.

CD26 is a human T cell activation antigen originally identified by its reactivity with the monoclonal antibody Ta1 (Fox et al., *J. Immunol.* 133:1250, 1984). CD26 has recently been shown to be  
15 identical to human dipeptidyl peptidase IV (EC 3.4.14.5) (Ulmer et al., *Scand. J. Immunol.* 31:429, 1990; Barton et al., *J. Leukocyte Biol.* 48:291, 1990). Dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV) is a serine exopeptidase which is capable of cleaving x-proline or x-alanine (where x is  
20 any amino acid) from the amino terminus of certain peptides.

CD26 is recognized by a second monoclonal antibody, anti-1F7 (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989). Dang et al. (*J. Immunol.* 144:4092,  
25 1990) report that solid phase-immobilized anti-1F7 mAb is capable of inducing proliferation of human CD4<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes in conjunction with submitogenic doses of anti-CD3 or anti-CD2 antibodies. They suggest that the CD26 antigen is involved in CD3- and CD2-induced human  
30 CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell activation.

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Summary of the Invention

In one aspect, the invention features a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking amino acid residues 3-9 of the latter sequence. (By "fragment" is meant a portion of CD26 that represents at least 50 consecutive residues of CD26. Such a fragment will preferably represent at least 100 residues of CD26, more preferably at least 200, and most preferably at least 500; it preferably includes the DPPIV active site residues at residues 627-631.) Such a fragment, in which the amino acid residues to the carboxy terminal side of residue 37 are preferably intact, is encoded by the nucleic acid sequence shown as CD26Δ3-9 (SEQ ID NO: 2). In preferred embodiments, the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2; the polypeptide is soluble under physiological conditions; and the polypeptide is substantially pure. Also within the invention is the product of signal peptidase proteolytic cleavage of this polypeptide, which would be a form of CD26 lacking residues 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, or 1-37.

In another aspect, the invention features a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking residues 24-34 of the latter sequence. Such a fragment, in which the amino acid residues to the carboxy terminal side of residue 37 are preferably intact, is encoded by the nucleic acid sequence shown as CD26Δ24-34 (SEQ ID NO: 3). In preferred embodiments, the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3; the polypeptide is soluble under physiological conditions; and the polypeptide is substantially pure. Also within the invention is the product of signal peptidase proteolytic cleavage of this polypeptide, which would be a form of CD26 lacking residues 1-34, 1-35, 1-36, or 1-37.

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In a related aspect, the invention features a plasmid encoding a polypeptide fragment of CD26 having an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 (CD $\Delta$ 3-9) or 3 (CD $\Delta$ 24-34);  
5 this plasmid preferably includes an expression control sequence.

Polypeptide fragments of CD26 which are soluble under physiological conditions generally lack most or all of the hydrophobic amino acid residues found near the  
10 amino terminus of the polypeptide depicted in SEQ ID NO: 1. This can be accomplished by genetically manipulating a nucleic acid encoding CD26 to delete the hydrophobic residues, or to delete enough of the N-terminal amino acids (e.g., residues 3-9 or 24-34) to leave the  
15 resulting polypeptide susceptible to cleavage by signal peptidase. Other fragments of CD26 which are within the invention include those in which all or part of the putative dipeptidyl aminopeptidase catalytic site (Gly<sub>627</sub> to Gly<sub>631</sub>) is deleted. Such fragments, which include  
20 *inter alia* the deletion mutant shown in Fig. 15 (SEQ ID NO: 11); fragments having additional deletions such as those in  $\Delta$ 3-9 (SEQ ID NO: 2) and  $\Delta$ 24-34 (SEQ ID NO: 3); and those missing the entire signal peptide region up to Ala<sub>35</sub>, Thr<sub>36</sub>, Ala<sub>37</sub> or Asp<sub>38</sub>, would constitute  
25 enzymatically inactive fragments of CD26 useful in the screening assays of the invention, as well as for inhibiting complex formation between CD26 and/or CD45 and p43. Along the same lines, a mutant form of CD26 (or a fragment thereof) which lacks DPPIV activity can be  
30 generated by replacing one of the residues in the active site with a different amino acid (e.g., by replacing Ser<sub>629</sub> with Ala).

By "substantially pure" is meant a polypeptide or protein which has been separated from biological  
35 macromolecules, (e.g., other proteins, carbohydrates,

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etc.) with which it naturally occurs. Typically, a protein or polypeptide of interest is substantially pure when less than 25% (preferably less than 15%) of the dry weight of the sample consists of such other

5 macromolecules.

By "physiological conditions" is meant an aqueous solution, whether *in vivo* or *in vitro*, having a pH and salt concentration similar to that found in serum. Phosphate buffered saline is an example of a commonly  
10 used buffer in which a polypeptide that is soluble under physiological conditions would be soluble.

By "substantially identical to CD26" is meant that at least 80%, preferably at least 90%, more preferably at least 95%, most preferably at least 99%, of the amino  
15 acid sequence is identical to that of the corresponding portion of CD26, and any non-identical amino acids in the sequence are amino acid substitutions, preferably conservative, which do not eliminate the biological activity of the molecule.

20 By "plasmid" is meant an extrachromosomal DNA molecule which includes sequences that permit replication within a particular host cell.

By "expression control sequence" is meant a nucleotide sequence which includes recognition sequences  
25 for factors that control expression of a protein coding sequence to which it is operably linked. Accordingly, an expression control sequence generally includes sequences for controlling both transcription and translation: for example, promoters, ribosome binding sites, repressor  
30 binding sites, and activator binding sites.

In another aspect, the invention features a polypeptide fragment of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally-occurring binding interaction between CD45 and CD26. Polypeptides which disrupt the interaction between

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CD26 and CD45 can be identified, for example, using the immunoprecipitation assay described below.

In another aspect, the invention features a method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds  
5 capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, which method includes the steps of:

- (a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;
- (b) incubating the first sample in the presence of  
10 a candidate compound;
- (c) incubating the second sample in the absence of the candidate compound;
- (d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to the first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26  
15 antibody;
- (e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to the second sample a second aliquot of the antibody; and
- (f) determining whether the amount of CD45 present  
20 in the first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD45 present in the second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD45 in the first immunoprecipitate than in the second immunoprecipitate indicating that the candidate compound inhibits the  
25 binding.

As used herein, an anti-CD26 antibody is one capable of forming a specific immune complex with CD26, i.e., the antibody binds directly to CD26 but does not substantially bind directly to other molecules in the  
30 assay of the invention.

In another aspect, the invention features a method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, which method includes the steps of:

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(a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;

(b) incubating the first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;

5 (c) incubating the second sample in the absence of the candidate compound;

(d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to the first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD45 antibody;

10 (e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to the second sample a second aliquot of the antibody; and

(f) determining whether the amount of CD26 present in the first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of  
15 CD26 present in the second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD26 in the first immunoprecipitate than in the second immunoprecipitate indicating that the candidate compound inhibits the binding.

20 In another aspect, the invention features a monoclonal antibody which, when contacted under physiological conditions with a cell (preferably a eukaryotic cell such as a mammalian cell) expressing CD26 and CD45, interferes with the association of CD26 and  
25 CD45; and a method for assaying for such an antibody.

In yet another aspect, the invention features a method which includes:

(a) providing a cell which expresses CD45 on its surface; and

30 (b) introducing into the cell a nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that the cell expresses CD26 on its surface.

In yet another aspect, the invention features a method which includes:



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(a) providing a cell which expresses CD26 on its surface; and

(b) introducing into the cell a nucleic acid encoding CD45, such that the cell expresses CD45 on its  
5 surface.

In other aspects, the invention includes a cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD26, the cell expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface; and a cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD45, the cell  
10 expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface. In preferred embodiments, the cells are T-cells such as Jurkat cells.

In another aspect, the invention features a method which includes:

15 (a) providing a cell which expresses neither CD26 nor CD45 on its surface; and

(b) transfecting the cell with a nucleic acid encoding CD26 and a nucleic acid encoding CD45.

In yet another aspect, the invention includes a  
20 method of generating a hybridoma cell, which method includes:

(a) providing a cell transfected with nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that the cell expresses CD26 on its surface;

25 (b) using the cell as an antigen to induce an immune response in a subject animal; and

(c) fusing a B lymphocyte from the subject animal with a cell from an immortal cell line (i.e., a line of cells which can be maintained indefinitely in culture) to  
30 produce a hybridoma cell.

In a related aspect, the invention features a hybridoma cell generated by:

(a) providing a cell transfected with nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that the cell expresses CD26 on its  
35 surface;

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(b) using the cell as an antigen to induce an immune response in a subject animal; and

(c) fusing a B lymphocyte from the subject animal with a cell from an immortal cell line to produce a hybridoma cell, wherein the hybridoma cell produces a monoclonal antibody specific for CD26. Applicable methods of inducing an immune response in an animal by using cells as the antigen, and fusing B lymphocytes with immortal cells to produce hybridoma cells, are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art of making hybridomas. The resulting hybridomas are then cloned and screened for production of monoclonal antibodies which bind to cells expressing the CD26 antigen, but not to identical cells which do not express the CD26 antigen.

Also within the invention are cell-free preparations of CD26, or a fragment thereof, complexed with CD45, or a fragment thereof. Such complexes may be conveniently prepared by recombinant expression of each of the relevant polypeptides in a manner that prevents their being anchored to the cellular membrane (e.g., by use of a soluble fragment of each), or by isolation of the full-length proteins from a cell membrane preparation, and by combining the two polypeptides to form the desired complex either before or after removal of contaminating cellular constituents. Such complexes would be useful, e.g., for generating monoclonal antibodies specific for the complex, and for screening for compounds capable of interfering with the association of CD26 and CD45.

Also within the invention are purified preparations of p43, a 43 kDa molecule which, like CD45, associates with CD26 in cells and therefore is thought to play a role in T cell activation, and cell-free preparations of CD26 (or a fragment thereof) complexed with p43 (or a fragment thereof). The screening assay

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described above for compounds capable of inhibiting the interaction of CD26 and CD45 can be readily adapted to detect compounds (including fragments of CD26 or p43) capable of inhibiting the interaction of CD26 and p43.

- 5           Also within the invention is a therapeutic composition containing a fragment of CD26 (e.g., water-soluble CD26), in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier (e.g., saline or any aqueous or nonaqueous substance which is suitable for injection), or intact CD26
- 10 incorporated into a liposomal preparation or other carrier substance suitable for a polypeptide such as CD26. Such a therapeutic composition can be used in a method for modulating the immune response of a patient (e.g., enhancing the immune response of an
- 15 immunosuppressed patient) by administering the composition by any appropriate means to the patient. It is expected to be particularly useful for the treatment of immunosuppression in a patient infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and having AIDS or AIDS-
- 20 related complex, but may also be used where the patient's immune system is depressed as a result of treatment with an immunosuppressive compound, or acquired immunodeficiency of undetermined etiology, or congenital immunodeficiency.
- 25           The compounds of the invention are, when combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, also useful as vaccine adjuvants, to be administered to an individual vaccinee in conjunction with (i.e., immediately before, after, or along with) a vaccine antigen in order to
- 30 enhance the immune response produced by such antigen. Examples of vaccine antigens which may be used with the adjuvant of the invention include those containing chemically inactivated or genetically engineered viral or bacterial products, such as diphtheria or pertussin

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toxoid or recombinant viral proteins, and those containing live but attenuated virus or bacteria.

The assays described herein may be used to screen candidate immunosuppressive compounds by a method including the steps of (a) contacting a lymphocyte with CD26 or a fragment of CD26 in the presence of a candidate compound, and (b) determining whether the candidate compound inhibits the CD26-induced proliferation of the lymphocyte, such inhibition being an indication that the candidate compound has immunosuppressive activity. The assays may instead be used to screen CD26 fragments for immunostimulatory activity. One such assay would include the following steps: (a) contacting a lymphocyte with a candidate CD26 fragment, and (b) determining whether the fragment increases the rate of proliferation of the lymphocyte, such increase being an indication that the fragment has immunostimulatory activity. Alternatively, one could simply assay the fragment for dipeptidyl peptidase IV activity, such activity being an indication that the fragment has immunostimulatory activity.

Also within the invention is a solid matrix material (e.g. Affi-Gel™ (Bio-rad)) to which CD26 or a fragment thereof is attached.

CD26 is known to play a role in T cell activation. By interfering with the normal functioning of CD26, one can control the process of T cell activation, and thus prevent such unwanted immune responses as transplant rejection and certain autoimmune diseases. The information disclosed herein concerning proteins with which CD26 associates on the T cell provides the means for designing and screening compounds that interfere with CD26 function in the cell.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description, and from the claims.

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### Detailed Description

The drawings are first briefly described.

#### Drawings

Fig. 1 depicts the nucleotide sequence and deduced  
5 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) of the cDNA clone for  
human CD26.

Fig. 2 depicts the results of an indirect  
fluorescence staining assay.

Fig. 3 is a pair of photographs of gels  
10 illustrating the results of immunoprecipitation analysis  
(panel A) and enzymatic activity analysis (panel B).

Fig. 4 is a set of graphs depicting the results of  
a  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization assay.

Fig. 5 is a graph illustrating the effect of  
15 various treatments on interleukin-2 production.

Fig. 6 is a photograph of a gel illustrating the  
results of immunoblotting analysis.

Fig. 7 depicts the results of FACS analysis.

Figs. 8-12 are photographs of gels illustrating  
20 the results of immunoprecipitation assays.

Fig. 13 is a representation of the amino acid  
sequence of CD26 in which the deleted amino acids of  $\Delta 3-9$   
(SEQ ID NO: 2) are indicated by a box, and the probable  
proteolytic cleavage sites of the signal peptidase are  
25 indicated by arrows.

Fig. 14 is a representation of the amino acid  
sequence of CD26 in which the deleted amino acids of  $\Delta 24-34$   
(SEQ ID NO: 3) are indicated by a box, and the  
probable proteolytic cleavage sites of the signal  
30 peptidase are indicated by arrows.

Fig. 15 depicts the amino acid sequence of a CD26  
fragment lacking a portion of the carboxy terminal region  
of CD26 (SEQ ID NO: 11).

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Fig. 16 is a graph illustrating the effect of soluble CD26, soluble CD45, and soluble CD4 on PBL proliferation.

#### Sequencing and Characterization of CD26

5 Described below is the cloning and sequencing of a full-length CD26 cDNA. Also described are a series of experiments which demonstrate that: (1) modulation of CD26 from the surface of T lymphocytes leads to enhanced CD3 $\xi$  phosphorylation and increased CD4-associated p56<sup>lck</sup> tyrosine kinase activity; (2) CD26 is comodulated with  
10 CD45; and (3) CD26 and CD45 are closely associated.

#### Cells and Antibodies

Human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), E rosette-positive cells and PHA-activated T cells for  
15 use in the experiments described below were prepared as follows. Human PBMC were isolated from healthy volunteer donors by Ficoll-Hypaque density gradient centrifugation (LKB Biotechnology, Inc., Piscataway, NJ). Unfractionated mononuclear cells were separated into E  
20 rosette-positive (E+) and E rosette-negative (E-) populations, and the E+ cells were depleted of contaminating monocytes as described (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:3762, 1985; Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:1508, 1985; Matsuyama et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 170:1133,  
25 1989). These T cells were used for experiments involving T cells in this report. E+ cells were stimulated with PHA (0.25  $\mu$ g/ml) and rIL-2 (40 U/ml) for 7 days in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% human AB serum, 4mM L-glutamine, 25 mM HEPES buffer, 0.5% sodium bicarbonate,  
30 and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (culture medium) and used as PHA blasts. The monoclonal antibodies used were anti-CD26 (Ta1/4EL-1C7, IgG<sub>1</sub>; 1F7, IgG<sub>1</sub>; 5F8, IgG<sub>1</sub>), and anti-CD3 (T3/RW24B6; IgG<sub>2b</sub>) (Fox et al., *J. Immunol.* 133:1250, 1984; Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989;  
35 Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:3762, 1985). Anti-CD29

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(4B4; IgG<sub>1</sub>) (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 134:3762, 1985) was used as an isotype-matched control throughout.

Isolation of a CD26 cDNA

To isolate a CD26 cDNA, a cDNA library was  
5 constructed from mRNA isolated from human PHA-activated T cells using the CDM7 vector. Briefly, poly(A)<sup>+</sup> RNA was prepared from 4-day-old PHA-activated T cells by the guanidinium isothiocyanate method (Chirgwin et al., *Biochem.* 18:5294, 1979), and an expression library was  
10 prepared as previously described, except that the vector CDM7, a precursor to CDM8 lacking polyoma sequences, was employed (Aruffo et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 84:8573, 1987; Seral et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:3365, 1987). Recombinant hybrid plasmids were  
15 transfected into COS cells, and CD26 expressing cells were immunoselected with the monoclonal antibody, anti-Ta1 (Aruffo et al., *supra*; Seed et al., *supra*). Reactive cells were retained on antibody coated dishes, and plasmids were recovered from transfected cells. Plasmid  
20 DNAs were further selected by three additional rounds of transfection and immunoselection. Two of eight clones thus isolated were found to encode anti-Ta1 reactive determinants. The two clones were identical by restriction enzyme fragment mapping.  
25 Sequencing of both strands of the isolated 2.9 kb CD26 cDNA by the dideoxy sequencing method revealed a 2298 base pair open reading frame beginning with an ATG at nucleotide 11 which conforms to consensus translational initiation sites (Fig. 1). The deduced  
30 CD26 structure is a 766 amino acid residue polypeptide with a molecular weight of approximately 88,300 (SEQ ID NO: 1).

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Predicted Structure of CD26

The predicted CD26 polypeptide has a single stretch of hydrophobic amino acids in the N-terminal region between residues 7 and 28 (Fig. 1, boxed), which is sufficiently long and hydrophobic to span a lipid bilayer (Davis et al., *Cell* 41:607, 1985). The sequence is preceded by six N-terminal residues which contain polar and charged residues, and is followed by charged residues that would not allow cleavage by signal peptidase (von Heijne, *Nucl. Acids Res.* 14:4683, 1986). This sequence thus has the characteristics of a signal sequence of a type II membrane protein, which serves both to direct the translocation of the nascent protein across the membrane of the rough endoplasmic reticulum, and to anchor the mature protein in the membrane (Hong et al., *supra*, 1990; Shipp et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85:4819, 1988; Thomas et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 83:1299, 1989). Furthermore, the fact that potential N-glycosylation sites are located in the carboxy side of the hydrophobic core (Fig. 1, short underlines) suggests that CD26 is a type II membrane protein. Therefore, the N-terminal 6 amino acid residues are predicted to be cytoplasmic, and the next 22 amino acids, which are primarily hydrophobic, are predicted to transverse the cytoplasmic membrane. The 738 C-terminal amino acids constitute the predicted extracellular domain of CD26.

The predicted extracellular domain of CD26 may be conveniently divided into three regions: an N-terminal glycosylated region (residues 29 to 323), a relatively cysteine-rich middle section (residues 324 to 551), and a C-terminal region (residues 552 to 766) (Fig. 1). The N-terminal region contains 8 of the 10 potential attachment sites for N-linked glycans (Fig. 1, short underlines) (Marshall, *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* 41:673, 1972), and one of the 12 cysteine residues (Fig. 1, asterisks). In



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contrast, the subsequent cysteine-rich section contains 9 cysteines but only one N-linked glycosylation site. The C-terminal region contains two cysteines, one N-linked glycosylation site and a potential catalytic site (Fig. 1, double underline), the sequence G-W-S-Y-G at position 627 to 631. This sequence fits the consensus G-X-S-X-G found in the active sites of serine proteases and esterases, although tryptophan and tyrosine flanking the catalytic serine are unusual residues at these positions (Brenner, *Nature* 334:528, 1988).

Homology with the Other Proteins.

The predicted amino acid sequence of the human CD26 antigen (SEQ ID NO: 1) is 85% homologous to the deduced rat DPPIV enzyme sequence predicted from cDNAs isolated from rat liver and kidney libraries. Considering this high degree of homology and the fact that anti-Ta1 antibody reacts with human liver and kidney epithelium (Mobius et al., *Exp. Immunol.* 74:431, 1988), the DPPIV enzyme present in those tissues is probably the functional counterpart of the CD26 antigen. This high degree of homology also supports the prediction of the membrane topology of CD26, because rat DPPIV has been shown to be a type II membrane protein (Hong et al., *supra* 1990).

Aside from the signal sequence, the greatest homology between rat (Ogata et al., *supra*) and human CD26/DPPIV proteins is in the C-terminal region, which includes the putative catalytic site. In fact, the sequences are identical from residues 624 to 724, and 94% homologous from residues 552 to 766. This C-terminal region is 46% homologous to a region of the predicted yeast aminopeptidase B (DPAPB) sequence (Roberts et al., *J. Cell. Biol.* 108:1363, 1989). Further, CD26 amino acid residues 107 to 233 are 36% homologous to DPAPB. The yeast DPAPB enzyme is also a type II membrane dipeptidyl

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aminopeptidase, and is involved in the maturation of the yeast pheromone alpha factor. The putative catalytic sequence G-W-S-Y-G is conserved between human and rat CD26/DPPIV and yeast DPAPB.

- 5           Recently the structures for CD10 and CD13 were determined by cDNA cloning (Shipp et al., *supra*, Thomas et al., *supra*). These antigens are ectoenzymes which have neutral endopeptidase [EC. 3.4.24.11] and amino
- 10   Although CD10 and CD13 are also type II membrane proteins, there is no significant sequence homology between these enzymes and CD26.

          Although the CD26 antigen is known to be a functional collagen receptor (Dang et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 15 172:649, 1990), a homology search did not find significant homology with any other known collagen-binding proteins such as fibronectin, CD11b and the integrins.

Characterization of CD26 Antigen expressed on Transfected

20 Jurkat Cells

- To characterize the cDNA-encoded CD26 antigen, the human T cell leukemia line, Jurkat, was transfected with the expression plasmid pSR $\alpha$ 26, in which the CD26 cDNA was placed under the control of the SR $\alpha$  promoter. Briefly,
- 25   the CD26 cDNA insert was cloned into the PstI and EcoRI sites of the plasmid pCDLSR $\alpha$ 296 (Takebe et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 8:466, 1988) by blunt-end ligation to create the CD26 expression plasmid, pSR $\alpha$ -26. pSR $\alpha$ -26, digested with SalI, and pSV2neo-SP (confers neomycin resistance to
- 30   host cells; Streuli et al., *EMBO J.* 8:787, 1989), digested with PvuI, were used to co-transfect Jurkat cells according to Streuli et al. (*supra*). Transfectants were initially selected in RPMI1640 supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum, 4mM glutamine and 1.0 mg/ml Geneticin
- 35   (Gibco/BRL, Bethesda, MD). Subsequently, the

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concentration of Geneticin was gradually decreased to 0.25 mg/ml during the selection period. Geneticin-resistant clones were further screened for CD3 and CD26 antigen expression by cell-surface staining as described  
5 below. Transfectants were maintained in the above medium containing 0.25 mg/ml Geneticin.

Staining of cell surface antigens with monoclonal antibodies and flow cytometry analyses using an EPICS V cell sorter (Coulter) were performed as described by Dang  
10 et al. (*J. Immunol.* 144:4092, 1990).

Parental Jurkat cells do not express detectable amounts of the CD26 antigen as determined by cell surface staining (Fig. 2), or by a binding assay with radiolabeled Ta1 monoclonal antibody. Northern blotting  
15 analysis revealed that this cell line also does not express CD26 mRNA even after phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA) treatment, which is known to induce CD26 expression (Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 145:3963, 1990). Referring to Fig. 2, the Jurkat-CD26 transfectant 26.C28  
20 had high expression of the CD26 antigen. On the other hand, another Jurkat-CD26 clone, 26.24, expressed only moderate levels of the antigen. Both transfectants were reactive with three anti-CD26 monoclonal antibodies (Ta1, 1F7, and 5F8) which define three distinct CD26 antigen  
25 epitopes.

To study whether the CD26 antigen expressed on Jurkat T cell lines had the same characteristics as that on peripheral blood lymphocytes, immunoprecipitation experiments were carried out.

30 Briefly, cell surface proteins were labelled with lactoperoxidase-catalyzed iodination as described by Morimoto et al., (*J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989). Immunoprecipitations (employing an NP-40 lysis buffer) using 1F7 monoclonal antibody were performed as described  
35 by Morimoto et al. (*supra*, 1989). Immunoprecipitated

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proteins were separated by 8% SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions.

Referring to Fig. 3 (panel A), 1F7 monoclonal antibody immunoprecipitated a 110 kDa protein from the CD26 transfected Jurkat cells (lanes 2 and 3) as well as from PHA blasts (lane 4). There was no detectable 110 kDa band in nontransfected (lane 1) and vector-only transfected Jurkat cells. Control anti-4B4 monoclonal antibody immunoprecipitated a comparable amount of 130 kDa protein from each of the cell lines. Interestingly, 1F7 immunoprecipitated an additional 43 kDa protein from both transfectants and PHA blasts. Similar results were observed using peripheral blood T cells. This 43 kDa protein may contribute to T cell activation through its association with CD26.

DPPIV enzymatic activity was measured using an Enzyme Overlay Membrane system (EOM, Enzyme System Products, Dublin, CA). Briefly, lysates were incubated with SDS sample buffer for 1 hr at room temperature and separated by SDS-PAGE under non-reducing conditions. Following electrophoresis, the EOM moistened with 0.5M Tris-HCl, pH 7.8, was placed on the surface of the gel and this sandwich was incubated for 20 min in a humidified box at 37°C. The reaction was monitored by long wavelength ultraviolet light. Referring to Fig. 3, panel B, DPPIV enzymatic activity was associated with a 160 kDa protein in both transfectants (lanes 2 and 3) and PHA blasts (lane 4), but not in parental Jurkat cells (lane 1), or vector-only transfected cells. It should be noted that the DPPIV enzyme activity was stable in both non-reducing and reducing conditions but disappeared after boiling of the samples. While the apparent molecular weight of CD26 was 160,000 for preparations that were not boiled prior to electrophoresis, the molecular weight of CD26 antigen was 110,000 if the

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protein was boiled prior to SDS-PAGE analysis. Similar results have been reported for rat hepatocyte DPPIV (Walburg et al., *Exp. Cell. Res.* 158:509, 1985). Taken together, the above-described results indicate that the

5 CD26 antigen expressed on the transfected Jurkat cells was the same as that on peripheral blood T cells.

Functional Analysis of CD26 Antigen on Jurkat Transfectants

To determine whether the CD26 antigen expressed on

10 transfected Jurkat cells has biological activity similar to that of CD26 expressed on peripheral blood T cells, we examined  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization induced by CD26 antigen triggering.

Briefly, loading of indo-1 pentaacetoxymethyl

15 ester (Calbiochem, San Diego, CA) into cells and the measurement of its fluorescence by flow cytometry were performed as described by (Blue et al., *J. Immunol.* 140:376, 1988). Indo-1-loaded cells were preincubated for 1-2 minutes with antibodies and the basal

20 intracellular calcium levels were determined for 33 seconds before the addition of polyclonal goat anti-mouse antibody (10  $\mu$ g/ml) (Tago, Burlingame, CA). The RW24B6 anti-CD3 antibody was titrated in this system to determine the submitogenic dose for triggering each cell

25 type. After preincubation of each transfectant with anti-CD26 and/or a submitogenic dose of anti-CD3, anti-mouse antibody was added (time point of addition indicated by small arrows in Fig. 4). Antibody concentrations were 1  $\mu$ g/ml for anti-1F7 and 20 ng/ml for

30 anti-CD3.

Referring to Fig. 4, crosslinking of anti-CD26 and submitogenic doses of anti-CD3 with goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin on CD26 transfectants resulted in greater  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization than crosslinking of anti-CD3 alone.

35 These antibodies did not induce  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization

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without cross-linking. It is well known that the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization signal is divided into two phases: the initial transient rise, and the sustained increase phase (Gardner, *Cell* 59:15, 1989; Goldsmith et al., *Science* 240:1029, 1988). For both CD26 transfectants, the anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 crosslinking induced a strong initial  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  increase (Fig. 4). In addition, for the clone 26.C28, crosslinking induced a sustained increase of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  level as well (Fig. 4). The differential pattern of  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization of the two transfectants may be attributed to the difference in the amount of CD26 antigen expressed by these two transfectants. The enhanced  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization was specific because, as was reported for peripheral blood T cells (Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 145:3963, 1990), crosslinking of the CD26 antigen alone did not induce  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization. Furthermore, crosslinking of anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 did not enhance the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization of nontransfected or vector-only transfected Jurkat cells, and crosslinking of the isotype-matched control antibody, anti-4B4, did not result in enhanced  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization of the transfectants. Similar to the data observed with transfectants, a small but significant transient rise in  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization was observed in normal resting T cells following CD26 and CD3 crosslinking.

IL-2 production by transfected cells cultured in antibody-coated plates was measured as described by Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 144:4092, 1990), except that the cell concentration was adjusted to  $2 \times 10^6$  cell/ml. After 24 hr of culture, supernatants were assayed for IL-2 production using ELISA (R&D system, Minneapolis, MN). Referring to Fig. 5, incubation of the clone 26.C28 transfectants with solid-phase-immobilized anti-1F7 and anti-CD3, which mimicked the crosslinking by anti-mouse antibody, induced the production of a significant amount of IL-2 (striped

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bar), as compared to the control, vector-only transfected, Jurkat cells (solid bar). These results indicate that the CD26 Jurkat transfectants were functionally similar to peripheral blood T cells.

- 5 Moreover, the above data indicate that the stimulatory effect of anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 crosslinking in T cells was in part mediated by an enhancement of  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  mobilization. Since it is well known that the transient rise, as well as the sustained increase, in  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  is  
10 necessary for IL-2 production (Gardner, *supra*; Goldsmith, *supra*), the sustained increase of the  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  observed in clone 26.C28 may be the basis for enhanced IL-2 production seen with the transfectant following anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 stimulation. Thus, the data obtained using  
15 Jurkat CD26 transfectants provide direct evidence that the CD26 antigen plays an integral role in T cell activation.

#### Co-association of CD26 and CD45

- The experiments described below demonstrate that  
20 modulation of CD26 on the surface of T lymphocytes by anti-CD26 monoclonal antibody leads to enhanced phosphorylation of CD3 and increased p56<sup>lck</sup> tyrosine kinase activity. Modulation experiments described below demonstrate that CD26 is co-modulated with CD45.  
25 Finally, immunoprecipitation assays described below demonstrate that CD26 and CD45 are closely associated. Taken together, the results indicate that an interaction between CD26 and CD45 increases p56<sup>lck</sup> tyrosine kinase activity, CD3 chain phosphorylation, and T lymphocyte  
30 activation.

#### Enhancement of CD3 Chain Phosphorylation Following anti-CD26 (1F7) Treatment

To evaluate the effect of anti-CD26 antibodies on one of the earliest signaling events in T cell

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activation, we investigated their role in the tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 $\zeta$ .

Immunoblotting analysis of tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 $\zeta$  was performed as described by Vivier et al. (*J. Immunol.* 146:206, 1990). Briefly, peripheral blood T cells ( $10 \times 10^6$  per sample) were incubated in culture media alone or with anti-CD26 (1F7; 1:100 ascites dilution) for various times at 37°C. Cells were then extensively washed in ice cold PBS containing 5mM EDTA, 10mM NaF, 10mM sodium pyrophosphate, and 0.4mM sodium vanadate, then solubilized in lysis buffer (1% NP-40, 150mM NaCl, 50mM Tris HCl, pH 8.0, 5mM EDTA, 1mM PMSF, 10mM iodoacetamide, 10mM NaF, 10mM sodium pyrophosphate, 0.4mM sodium vanadate) for 15 min on ice. After removing insoluble material by centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 15 min, samples were combined with an equal volume of sample buffer (2% SDS, 10% glycerol, 0.1M Tris [pH 6.8] 0.02% bromophenol blue), reduced with 5% 2-mercaptoethanol, and separated on 12% SDS-polyacrylamide gels. After separation on SDS-PAGE, cell lysates were transferred to nitrocellulose, and developed using  $^{125}\text{I}$ -labelled anti-phosphotyrosine (UBI, NY; 100,000 cpm/ml in PBS containing 1% BSA). Affinity-purified anti-phosphotyrosine was iodinated to a specific radioactivity of 10-20  $\mu\text{Ci}/\mu\text{g}$  protein using iodobeads (Pierce Chemical Co., Rockford, IL).

Referring to Fig. 6, a 21 kD tyrosine phosphoprotein (p21), which has been previously identified in T cells stimulated with various stimuli as phosphorylated CD3 $\zeta$  (Vivier et al., *supra*, 1990; Vivier et al., *J. Immunol.* 146:1142, 1991; Ashwell et al., *Annu. Rev. Immunol.* 8:139, 1990), was detected at a constitutive level in samples not treated with anti-CD26 (lane 1). Anti-CD26 treatment significantly increased the phosphorylation of CD3 $\zeta$  over the constitutive level



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after 1 hour of anti-CD26 incubation (lane 2). The level of phosphorylated CD3 $\zeta$  gradually increased with time, reaching a maximum level after 4 hours of anti-CD26 incubation (lanes 3 and 4; 2 and 4 hours of anti-CD26 treatment respectively), and gradually decreased upon longer incubation (lanes 5 and 6; 6 and 8 hours of anti-CD26 treatment respectively). The total amount of CD3 $\zeta$  chain (phosphorylated and non-phosphorylated) present, determined by immunoblotting the same membrane with an anti-CD3 $\zeta$  mAb, was similar in all samples. Although anti-CD26 by itself can not induce T cell proliferation, these results show that CD26 modulation provides an initial T cell activation signal as measured by enhanced CD3 $\zeta$  phosphorylation.

Comodulation of CD26 and CD45 by anti-CD26 Antibody (1F7) Treatment

The fact that the cytoplasmic domain of CD26 (DPPIV) in the rat includes only six amino acid residues suggests that CD26 might be associated with another molecule which acts in a signal transducing capacity, as has been found in the case of the IL-6 receptor and the IL-2 (p55) receptor (Taga et al., *Cell* 58:573, 1989; Robb et al.; *J. Exp. Med.* 165:1201; 1987). The experiments described below indicate that CD26 is associated with another cell surface molecule, CD45. Human peripheral blood T cells were used in the experiments described below and obtained as described by Dang et al. *J. Immunol.* 144:4092, 1990. Anti-CD26 (1F7) induced modulation was performed as previously described (by Dang et al. *J. Immunol.* 145:3963, 1990). Briefly, peripheral blood T cells were incubated overnight at 37°C in medium containing anti-CD26 (1F7) at 1:100 ascites dilution. Cells were then collected, washed and stained with anti-CD26 (1F7) and FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG; or they were stained with anti-CD45RA (2H4)-PE, anti-CD2-PE,

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anti-CD3-PE (Coulter) or biotinylated anti-CD45RO (UCHL-1) and PE-conjugated avidin.

Flow cytometry analysis was performed using an Epics V cell sorter (Coulter Electronics) as previously described (Morimoto et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989).

The negative control of each fluorescence was less than 5%. The FACS analysis presented in Fig. 7 are representative of three separate experiments. As shown in Fig. 7, overnight incubation with anti-CD26 led to a significant reduction in CD26 expression on T cells. Interestingly, while CD26 modulation did not have any detectable effect on CD2, CD3 or CD45RA expression, the expression of CD45RO, particularly the high fluorescence peak of CD45RO, was markedly reduced. In addition, modulation of CD2, CD3, or CD4 with respective antibodies had no effect on CD45RO expression. Thus, the co-modulation of CD45RO induced by anti-CD26 treatment appears to be specific for this structure.

#### Co-immunoprecipitation of CD26 with CD45

The immunoprecipitation experiments described below provide evidence of a direct association between CD26 and CD45. Peripheral blood T cells ( $50 \times 10^6$ ) were labeled at the surface by lactoperoxidase-catalyzed iodination and immunoprecipitated from NP-40 lysis buffer (0.5% NP-40, 140mM NaCl, 1mM PMSF, 5mM EDTA, 50mM Tris HCl [pH 7.4]) or digitonin lysis buffer (1% digitonin, 0.12% Triton X-100, 150mM NaCl, 1mM PMSF, 20mM Triethanolamine [pH 7.8]) using anti-CD26 (Ta1, Coulter Immunology, Hialeah, FL; or 1F7, Dr. C. Morimoto, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA) and anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, Berger et al., *Human Immunol.* 3:231, 1981) as previously described by Morimoto et al. (*J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989) and Anderson et al. (*Nature* 341:159, 1989). All samples were analyzed under reducing conditions.

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For immunodepletion studies, peripheral blood T cells were labeled and lysed in digitonin lysis buffer as described above. The lysates were precleared by four successive immunoprecipitations with anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, American Type Culture Collection, Bethesda, MD) or anti-CD1 (T6) and then precipitated by anti-CD26 and anti-CD45.

Digestion with V8 protease from *S. aureus* was carried out during gel electrophoresis as described by Cleveland et al. (*J. Biol. Chem.* 252:1102, 1977). After the first gel electrophoresis, gel slices containing the high molecular weight proteins co-precipitated with CD26 and CD45 proteins were excised and polymerized into the stacking gel of a 15% SDS-polyacrylamide gel. 2.5  $\mu$ g of V8 protease in 10  $\mu$ l of sample buffer (0.1% SDS, 0.125M Tris-HCl [pH 6.8], 10% glycerol, 0.1% bromophenol blue) were added to wells above the polymerized gel slices. Gel electrophoresis was carried out uninterrupted for 12 hours.

Fig. 8 presents the results of immunoprecipitation analysis without prior depletion. Surface labeled T-lymphocytes were solubilized in NP-40 (lanes 1-4) or digitonin (lanes 5-8) and immunoprecipitated with anti-CD1 (T6) as a negative control (lanes 1 and 5); anti-CD26 (1F7, lanes 2 and 6); anti-CD26 (Ta1, lanes 3 and 7); or anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, lanes 4 and 8).

While anti-CD26 (Ta1 and 1F7) antibodies precipitated a 110KD molecule from NP-40 lysates under reducing conditions, in digitonin lysates these same antibodies precipitated two major proteins at 180 and 190kD and minor bands at 205 and 220kD in addition to the 110KD band. These additional bands display similar mobility to the CD45 control immunoprecipitates. In this regard, utilizing digitonin lysates or chemical cross-linkers, others have found an association of CD45 with

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Thy-1, CD3, and CD2 (Volarevic et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:7085, 1990; Schraven et al., *Nature* 345:71, 1990).

To provide further evidence that the high  
5 molecular weight structure which co-precipitated with  
CD26 is CD45, we carried out both sequential  
immunodepletion and one-dimensional peptide mapping  
studies using V8 protease.

Fig. 9 presents the results of immunoprecipitation  
10 analysis of samples previously depleted for CD45 using  
anti-CD45 antibody (GAP 8.3, lanes 4-6) or, as a control,  
CD-1 using anti-CD1 antibody (T6, lanes 1-3). After  
depletion, anti-CD26 (1F7, lanes 1 and 4), anti-CD26  
(Ta1, lanes 2 and 5), or anti-CD45 (GAP 8.3, lanes 3 and  
15 6) was used for immunoprecipitation. As can be seen in  
Fig. 9, depletion of CD45 resulted in a complete loss of  
the high molecular weight structures in the CD26  
immunoprecipitate (lanes 4, 5). Furthermore, V8  
protease-dependent digestion of the high molecular weight  
20 molecules co-precipitated with either CD26 and CD45  
yielded identical peptide patterns (Fig. 10). Although  
CD26 comodulated only with CD45RO (the 180kD isoform),  
the immunoprecipitation experiments suggest that CD26 is  
also associated with the 190kD isoform of CD45, and to a  
25 lesser degree, with the 205 and 220kD isoforms as well.  
These observations are consistent with earlier studies  
demonstrating that CD26 was preferentially expressed on  
CD45RO+ helper T cells, which are known to preferentially  
express both the 180 and 190kD isoforms of CD45 (Morimoto  
30 et al., *J. Immunol.* 143:3430, 1989; Rudd et al., *J. Exp.*  
*Med.* 166:1758, 1987; Terry et al., *Immunology* 64:331,  
1988).

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Enhancement of the Kinase Activity of p56<sup>lck</sup> following anti-CD26 (1F7) Treatment

Recent studies have demonstrated that the cytoplasmic domain of CD45 has PTPase activity which regulates T cell activation pathways through dephosphorylation of phosphotyrosine (Charboneau et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85:7182, 1988; Ledbetter et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA* 85:8628; Pingel et al., *Cell* 58:1055, 1989; Koretzky et al., *Nature* 346:66, 1990). One of the potential substrates for the CD45 PTPase is the tyrosine kinase p56<sup>lck</sup> (Osergaard et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:8959, 1989; Mustelin et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:6302, 1989), which itself may be involved in the CD3 chain phosphorylation (Veillette et al., *Nature* 338:257, 1989). CD26 may function in this system by enhancing CD3 phosphorylation through its association with CD45. If this model is correct, incubation with anti-CD26 (1F7) should alter p56<sup>lck</sup> kinase activity as measured by *in vitro* autophosphorylation.

To analyze *in vitro* kinase activity, samples of  $3.0 \times 10^7$  T lymphocytes were incubated in culture media with anti-CD26 (1F7) for various periods of time at 37°C. Immunoprecipitation and kinase analysis was then carried out as described by Rudal et al. (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85:5190, 1988). Cells were then solubilized in lysis buffer (1% NP-40, 20 mM TRIS-HCl [pH 8.0], 150 mM NaCl, 0.4 mM sodium vanadate, 0.5 mM EDTA, 10 mM NaF, 10 mM sodium pyrophosphate, 1 mM PMSF) for 30 min at 4°C. CD4 was immunoprecipitated from lysates containing equivalent amounts of total protein (500 µg) by a combination of anti-CD4 (19thy5D7; IgG2) and protein A-Sepharose. The immunoprecipitates were then washed extensively with lysis buffer prior to incubation with 30 µl of 25 mM Hepes containing 0.1% NP-40, and 10 µCi of [ $\lambda$ -<sup>32</sup>P]ATP (ICN,

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Costa Mesa, CA). After incubation of 15-30 min at 25°C, the reaction was stopped by the addition of sample buffer and the reaction products were resolved on 9% SDS-PAGE.

As shown in Fig. 11, the PTK activity of p56<sup>lck</sup> precipitated with CD4 significantly increased after 1 hour of incubation with anti-CD26 (lane 2) compared to a no-anti-CD26 control (lane 1). The kinase activity was even higher after 2, 3 or 4 hours of incubation with anti-CD26 (lanes 3-6, respectively). Concomitantly, the expression of CD26 on T cells treated with anti-CD26 (1F7) began to decrease within 1 hour of incubation and continued to decline as previously described (Dang et al., *J. Immunol.* 145:3936, 1990). Similar results were obtained when another anti-CD26 (Ta1) antibody was used. Nevertheless, incubation of cells with control anti-Class I MHC or anti-VLA 4 mAbs did not alter p56<sup>lck</sup> activity. The above results support the notion that the interaction of CD26 with CD45 enhances p56<sup>lck</sup> activity.

The kinetics of p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity (Fig. 11) and tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 (Fig. 6) showed a similar pattern. This similarity supports the conclusion that tyrosine phosphorylation of CD3 induced by anti-CD26 is related to the PTK activity of p56<sup>lck</sup>. In addition, the similar kinetics also showed that the increase in p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity quickly affects the phosphorylation of CD3, as reported previously (Veillett et al., *supra*). While the peak of the p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity or phosphorylation of CD3 induced by various stimuli is observed within minutes (Vivier et al., *supra*; Veillette et al., *supra*); the peak of either p56<sup>lck</sup> or CD3 phosphorylation induced by anti-CD26 treatment was observed after hours. In this regard, although the close relationship between CD45 PTPase activity and p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity has been reported (Ostergaard et al., *supra*; Mustelin et al., *supra*; Veillette et al., *supra*), the regulation of PTPase

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activity of CD45 has not yet been established. Therefore, it is possible that the change in PTPase activity or the interaction between CD45 PTPase and p56<sup>lck</sup> may require a relatively long time period following anti-  
5 CD26 treatment. It is also possible that the interaction between CD45 PTPase and p56<sup>lck</sup> is via an indirect rather than a direct mechanism.

CD26 is broadly distributed on non-hematopoietic cells. However, since the expression of CD45 is largely  
10 restricted to leukocytes, the association between CD26 and CD45 is probably found only on leukocytes. On the other hand, membrane-linked PTPases such as CD45 have been found on non-hematopoietic cells (Streuli et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 168:1553, 1988; Streuli et al., *Proc. Natl.*  
15 *Acad. Sci. USA* 86:8698, 1989; Lau et al. *Biochem J.* 257:23, 1989). Although the functional role of CD26 on nonhematopoietic cells is unclear, it is possible that CD26 is associated with the membrane-linked PTPase on nonhematopoietic cells.

20 In summary, we have demonstrated that anti-CD26-induced modulation resulted in enhanced CD3 phosphorylation and increased p56<sup>lck</sup> PTK activity. Both observations are consistent with the enhanced proliferative response of T cells following CD26  
25 modulation. These observations further suggest that the physical association of CD26 with CD45 may be key for CD26-mediated T cell signaling pathways. CD26 is known to be the membrane-associated ectoenzyme DPPIV which can cleave N-terminal dipeptides from polypeptides with  
30 either L-proline or L-alanine at the penultimate position. Although the natural ligand for CD26/DPPIV has not yet been established, binding of the natural substrate to the DPPIV enzyme may lead to cleavage and alteration in the biologic activity of the ligand. In  
35 light of the close proximity of the CD26 and CD45

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molecules, it is possible that CD26 modulates the enzymatic activity of the CD45 PTPase or perhaps affects the accessibility of critical substrates. This process would then enhance T cell activation via the CD3 or CD2  
5 pathway and could amplify the immune response *in vivo*. It should also be noted that increased numbers of CD26+ T lymphocytes have been found in both inflamed tissues and peripheral blood of patients with multiple sclerosis, Graves' Disease and rheumatoid arthritis (Hafler et al.,  
10 *N. Engl. J. Med.* 312:1405, 1985; Nakao et al., *J. Rheumatol.* 16:904, 1989; Eguchi et al., *J. Immunol.* 142:4233, 1989), suggesting that these CD26+ T cells may play an important role in chronic inflammation and in subsequent tissue damage.

#### 15 Soluble CD26 Fragments

Soluble fragments of CD26 are useful for interfering with CD26 activity. The fact that CD26 is a type II membrane protein suggests certain strategies for designing soluble fragments. For type II membrane  
20 proteins, the signal sequence used to transfer the protein across a membrane also serves as an anchor to the membrane. The cleavage of the signal sequence after protein transfer which usually occurs for other secreted proteins does not occur in type II transmembrane  
25 proteins. Thus, soluble forms of CD26 can be prepared by making its signal/anchor sequence accessible to a cellular proteolytic cleavage system. To accomplish this, the putative signal sequence of CD26 was shortened, as described below, since the 23 amino acid CD26 signal  
30 sequence is longer than most natural occurring cleavable signal sequences (von Heijne et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 184:99, 1985). This is expected to result in proteolytic cleavage of the expressed polypeptide at or near one of the residues Ala Thr Ala corresponding to positions 35-37  
35 of wild type CD26, yielding a soluble fragment of CD26



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having at its amino terminus Ala<sub>35</sub>, Thr<sub>36</sub>, Ala<sub>37</sub> or Asp<sub>38</sub> of wild type CD26.

A first soluble CD26 construct is created by deleting the codons corresponding to amino acids 3-9 of intact CD26 (shown as the boxed amino acids in Fig. 13). The amino terminal sequence of the expressed polypeptide is MKGLLG-- (SEQ ID NO: 4) rather than the original MKTPWKVLLGLLG-- (SEQ ID NO: 5), and the potential proteolytic cleavage sites are shown as arrows in Fig. 13. This deletion mutant is prepared by oligonucleotide directed mutagenesis (see below) using the following oligonucleotide:

5'-ACGCCGACGATGAAGGGACTGCTGGGTGCT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 6).

A second construct is generated by taking advantage of the following rules proposed for signal peptide cleavage: (1) the residue in position -1 must be small, i.e., either Ala, Ser, Gly, Thr, Cys, Gln; (2) the residue in position -3 must not be aromatic (Phe, His, Tyr, Trp), charged (Asp, Glu, Lys, Arg), or large and polar (Asn, Gln); and (3) Pro must not be present at positions -3 through -1 (von Heijne, *Nuc. Acids Res.* 14:4683, 1986). Following these rules, we have designed a CD26 cDNA construct lacking codons corresponding to amino acids 24 to 34 of wild type CD26 (illustrated as the boxed amino acids in Fig. 14). This deletion mutant encodes the amino acid sequence

--IITVATADSR-- (SEQ ID NO: 7) instead of the original

--IITVPVLLNKGTDDATADSR-- (SEQ ID NO: 8), and the

potential proteolytic cleavage sites are shown as arrows in Fig. 14. This mutant is prepared by oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis (see below) using the following oligonucleotide: 5'-ACCATCATCACCGTGGCTACAGCTGACAGT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 9).

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Site-directed mutagenesis is performed as follows. The 3.0 kb CD26 cDNA fragment generated by the *Xba*I treatment of the original plasmid CDM7-CD26 is inserted into the *Xba*I site of pTZ19u (Bio-rad). A recombinant  
5 plasmid which inserts the cDNA inverse to the *lacZ* gene on the plasmid is identified by restriction enzyme mapping and used for subsequent mutagenesis.

Using single-stranded DNA prepared from this plasmid as a template and the previously-described  
10 oligonucleotides as primers, oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis is performed by the method of Kunkel (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:488, 1985), using a commercially available kit (BioRad, Richmond, CA).

To obtain high level expression of soluble CD26, a  
15 new expression vector is constructed. First the *Xba*I CD26 cDNA fragment of pTZ19u-CD26 and the *Hind*III-*Xba*I vector fragment of Rc/CMV (Invitrogene, San Diego, CA) are treated with Klenow enzyme and ligated. The resulting plasmid is screened by restriction enzyme  
20 mapping for the insertion of the CD26 cDNA fragment under the control of the CMV promoter. This construct leaves one *Xba*I site just in front of the CD26 cDNA. Then, the *Mlu*I-*Xba*I CMV promoter DNA fragment of this plasmid DNA is exchanged with the *Hind*III-*Xba*I SR $\alpha$  promoter DNA  
25 fragment of pSR $\alpha$ -26 to give a final expression vector RcSR $\alpha$ -26. Next, the above mutant CD26 cDNAs are transferred to this expression vector. The *Xba*I-*Dra*III DNA fragment derived from the mutant cDNAs which encoded the mutant part and the wild type 2.0 kb *Dra*III-*Hind*III  
30 DNA fragment are ligated with the *Xba*I-*Hind*III vector fragment of RcSR $\alpha$ -26. The expression plasmid which has the  $\Delta$ 3-9 or  $\Delta$ 24-34 mutant CD26 cDNA is identified by restriction enzyme mapping and DNA sequencing. The resultant plasmids RcSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 3-9 and RcSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 24-34 are  
35 used to transfect Jurkat cells or CHO cells.

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Jurkat cells are transfected with these plasmids as described above except pSVneo-sp is omitted from the donor DNA mixture since the RCSR $\alpha$  plasmid already carries the neo resistance marker. Neo-resistant clones are  
5 screened by metabolic labelling and immunoprecipitation (Harlow et al., eds. *Antibodies: a laboratory manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1988) for the expression of soluble CD26. The transfectants which produce a large amount of soluble CD26 are used for protein production.

10 CHO cells transfected with the DNA mixture of pMT2 and RCSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 3-9 or RCSR $\alpha$ -26. $\Delta$ 24-34 are selected for their growing ability in  $\alpha$ -medium and the production of soluble CD26. The expression of the soluble protein is amplified by culturing the transfected CHO cells in  
15 medium containing an increasing amount of MTX. Although both Jurkat cells and CHO cells can provide the soluble form of CD26, the protein produced by Jurkat cells is preferred because of its human T cell origin.

Another approach to making fragments of CD26 is  
20 illustrated by the following:

Ligation of the CD26 XbaI-SphI cDNA fragment to the vector RCSR $\alpha$ -26 XbaI-HindIII DNA fragment and the following synthetic DNA linker:

5'-----CATAGTAATCGATA

25 GTACGTATCATTAGCTATTCTGA-----5' (SEQ ID NO: 10) introduces an in-frame stop codon that results in deletion of the segment of CD26 from amino acid 594 to the carboxy terminus of the wild-type protein. This deletion mutant, which is shown in Fig. 15 (SEQ ID NO:  
30 11), lacks the putative catalytic site of CD26 and has a new carboxy terminus of --GDKIMHA (SEQ ID NO: 12).

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CD26 Derivatives Capable of Disrupting CD26/CD45 Interaction

Other polypeptide fragments of CD26 can be produced by standard methods of protein synthetic chemistry, using the information disclosed herein to design appropriate polypeptides and assay them for biological activity. A preferred method of producing such fragments, however, is by the use of recombinant DNA techniques. For example, the sequence of CD26 given in Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) can be used to design oligonucleotides encoding fragments of CD26 containing deletions of nonessential CD26 amino acid residues from the beginning, the end, and/or any central portion of the protein; such oligonucleotides are chemically synthesized by known methods and inserted into expression vectors for expression of a polypeptide fragment of CD26. Alternatively, one may manipulate the CD26 coding regions of CD26 expression plasmids by site-directed mutagenesis, as disclosed above for two such fragments of CD26, or by insertion of a stop codon at an appropriate place in the coding sequence. The CD26 fragment can then be produced in transfected cultured cells in large quantities, purified by standard methods, and tested in an assay such as the immunoprecipitation assay described above, which is useful for identifying fragments capable of disrupting the interaction of CD26 and CD45. Briefly, surface-labeled peripheral blood T cells which express both CD26 and CD45 (or any mammalian cells transfected with cDNAs encoding CD26 and CD45 so that both proteins are functionally expressed on the cells' surfaces) are incubated in the presence and absence of a CD26 polypeptide fragment. The cells are lysed in digitonin lysis buffer, and anti-CD45 monoclonal antibody is used to immunoprecipitate CD45 and any proteins associated

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with CD45. The amount of CD26 that co-precipitates with CD45 in the presence of a given polypeptide fragment can be determined by known methods (e.g., by densitometer readings of the labelled bands on an SDS-PAGE gel analyzing the constituents of an immunoprecipitate) and compared to the amount that co-precipitates with CD45 in the absence of the polypeptide fragment. Alternatively, one can instead use an anti-CD26 antibody and measure the relative amounts of CD45 that co-precipitate with CD26 in the presence and absence of the given polypeptide fragment. If an anti-CD26 antibody is used, it is preferred that the antibody does not substantially bind to the competitor CD26 polypeptide; such binding interferes with the assay. In either case, CD26 polypeptide fragments which interfere with the interaction between CD26 and CD45 will decrease co-precipitation.

An analysis similar to that described above can be used to identify polypeptide fragments of CD45 which disrupt CD26/CD45 interaction. When screening CD45 fragments, it is preferable to perform the immunoprecipitation with anti-CD26 antibody.

#### Association of p43 with CD26

When CD26 is immunoprecipitated from surface-labelled T cells and the immunoprecipitate is analyzed on SDS-PAGE, two bands are typically seen: one at 110kDa, corresponding to CD26, and a second, much fainter band at 43kDa. This lower molecular weight protein is termed "p43". Fig. 12 illustrates one such experiment, in which E+ cells were labeled by lactoperoxidase-catalyzed iodination and lysed in NP-40 lysis buffer for immunoprecipitation as described above. Precipitates were analyzed by 9% SDS-PAGE. Lane 1: anti-CD1 (T6) as negative control; lane 2: anti-1F7; lane 3: anti-Ta1;

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lane 4: anti-5F8 (another anti-CD26 monoclonal antibody);  
lane 5: anti-CD29 (4B4) as control. As shown in Fig. 12,  
anti-1F7 brought down an obvious 43kDa structure (lane 2)  
from surface-labeled T cells. On the other hand, this  
5 structure was detected faintly following anti-Tal or  
anti-5F8 precipitation (lanes 3 and 4). This band was  
not detected following anti-CD1 or anti-CD29  
precipitation (lanes 1 and 5). Similar results were seen  
when the cells were human thymocytes or from the human T  
10 cell lines H9 or Peer IV (data not shown). In other  
anti-Tal or anti-5F8 immunoprecipitation experiments  
using T cells from other donors, the 43kDa band was  
sometimes more distinct than those shown in lanes 3 and 4  
of Fig. 12. In addition, a third band at approximately  
15 70 kDa is sometimes observed in these CD26  
immunoprecipitation experiments. Because they are found  
in association with the 110 kDa CD26 molecule, both the  
43 kDa molecule and the 70 kDa molecule may play  
important roles in T cell activation. Compounds (such as  
20 fragments of CD26) which interfere with the association  
of CD26 with either p43 or the 70 kDa molecule may be  
detected by means of a screening assay patterned on those  
described above with respect to CD26 and CD45.

It is thought to be unlikely that anti-1F7 cross-  
25 reacts with p43, since the density of the 43kDa band  
decreased after repeated preclearing by either anti-Tal  
or anti-5F8. Although the reasons for the variability in  
the detection of p43 are not clear, it is possible that  
the binding of anti-CD26 mAbs may generate conformational  
30 changes in CD26, affecting the association of the 43 kDa  
molecule with the 110 kDa molecule. It is also possible  
that the Tal or 5F8 epitope may be close to the  
association site between the 43 and 110 kDa molecules,  
such that binding of these mAbs may inhibit the  
35 association of these molecules with each other.

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P43 may be purified by affinity chromatography, using an anti-CD26 monoclonal antibody to purify the CD26-p43 complex from T cell membranes. P43 may then be separated from CD26 by SDS-PAGE, followed by HPLC if  
5 further purification is necessary. Affinity chromatography with monoclonal antibodies, SDS-PAGE, and HPLC are all standard methods well known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

Hybridization probes based upon a partial amino  
10 acid sequence of the purified protein may be used to select p43 cDNA from a T cell library. Alternatively, the partial amino acid sequence can be used to design PCR primers for priming synthesis of a partial p43 cDNA on mRNA templates, using standard methods, and the resulting  
15 partial cDNA used as a probe to detect full-length p43 cDNA in a T cell library. This cDNA can be inserted in an expression plasmid and used to transfect cells which do not naturally express the p43 gene. Such cells may be used as an antigen to develop anti-p43 monoclonal  
20 antibodies, and also as a means to study the role of p43 in T cell activation. They can also be used in the screening assay referred to above.

#### Northern Analysis Using a CD26 cDNA Probe

Analysis of the degree of expression of CD26 in  
25 any given cell type or tissue type can be accomplished using the standard technique of Northern blotting, probing with a labelled, single stranded nucleic acid molecule derived from the coding region of CD26 cDNA. The probe would have a sequence based upon the sense  
30 strand of SEQ ID NO: 1, which is complementary to CD26 mRNA, and preferably would be at least 8 nucleotides in length (more preferably at least 14 nucleotides, and most preferably at least 30). The probe may contain most or all of the entire coding sequence of CD26 cDNA. Such an

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assay, which would be useful for diagnosing conditions characterized by the over- or under-expression of CD26 in a given cell type, such as T cells, would include the following steps:

- 5 (a) providing a biological sample containing mRNA of a cell;
- (b) contacting the sample with a single-stranded nucleic acid probe as described above; and
- (c) detecting hybridization of the probe with the
- 10 sample, which hybridization would be indicative of the presence of CD26 mRNA in the cell.

#### Purification of Soluble CD26

- To produce soluble CD26, CHO cells stably expressing CD26 $\Delta$ 3-9 (CD26 deleted for amino acids 3-9)
- 15 were cultured in serum-free medium (CHO-S-SFM; GIBCO/BRL) containing 0.5  $\mu$ M methotrexate. The culture supernatant was collected and proteins were precipitated using 75% ammonium sulfate. The resulting pellet was solubilized in PBS, dialyzed against PBS, and loaded on a ConA-
  - 20 Sepharose column (Pharmacia, Piscataway, NJ) equilibrated with 2xPBS/0.02% sodium azide. The column was washed with the equilibration buffer, and protein was eluted with 2xPBS/0.2M methyl  $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranoside/0.02% sodium azide. A DPPIV assay (described below) was used to
  - 25 identify the CD26-containing fractions, which were pooled and loaded directly on a BSA-conjugated Affigel<sup>™</sup> 10 column (Bio-rad) equilibrated with PBS/0.02% sodium azide. The flowthrough fraction was collected and applied to a 1F7-conjugated Affigel<sup>™</sup> 10 column
  - 30 equilibrated with PBS. The column was washed with PBS, and soluble CD26 was eluted with PBS/3M sodium thiocyanate. The fractions containing DPPIV activity were pooled and dialyzed against PBS. The resulting



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soluble CD26 was more than 95% pure as judged by gel electrophoresis.

Soluble CD26 and Cell Activation

Soluble CD26 was shown to stimulate antigen-  
5 dependent proliferation of peripheral blood lymphocytes  
in vitro. Assays were performed in triplicate wells in  
round-bottom plates using 0.2 ml/well standard culture  
medium consisting of RPMI1640 supplemented with 10% human  
AB serum, 4 mM L-glutamine, 25 mM HEPES buffer  
10 (Microbiological Associates), 0.5% sodium bicarbonate,  
and 50 µg/ml of Gentamicin (GIBCO). The cell  
concentration was  $1.2 \times 10^5$  cells/well. Tetanus toxoid  
(Connaught Lab, Inc.) dialyzed against PBS was added to  
some of the wells to make a final concentration of 0.2 or  
15 0.1 L.T. unit/ml (1/40 or 1/80 dilution of the original  
solution, respectively); the toxoid serves as soluble  
antigen in this assay. Purified soluble CD26 antigen,  
soluble LCA (leucocyte common antigen; CD45), or soluble  
CD4 was added at a final concentration of 1 µg/ml or 25  
20 µg/ml. After 7 days culture in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator, the  
cells were pulsed with 1 µCi/well of <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine. After  
a 16 hr incubation, the cells were harvested and the <sup>3</sup>H-  
thymidine incorporation was measured using a  
scintillation counter.

25 As shown in Fig. 16, in the presence of tetanus  
toxoid (diluted 80-fold or 40-fold), soluble CD26  
(prepared as described above) stimulated PBL  
proliferation in a dose-dependent manner. This  
stimulation was greater than that observed when soluble  
30 CD45 or soluble CD4 was used instead of soluble CD26.

This assay can be used to screen fragments of CD26  
to identify molecules capable of stimulating antigen-  
dependent immune cell proliferation. In addition, it can  
be used to assay for compounds capable of inhibiting  
35 soluble CD26-stimulated proliferation of lymphocytes. By

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substituting an anti-CD3 antibody such as OKT3 (Kung et al. U.S. Patent 4,658,019, 4,361,549, and 4,654,210) for the tetanus toxoid in this assay, the ability of fragments of CD26 to stimulate antigen-independent immune cell proliferation can be determined.

#### CD26 Mutant

Standard methods of site-directed mutagenesis were used to produce a point mutation (Ser<sup>629</sup>→Ala) within the putative catalytic site of DPPIV activity of CD26. The enzymatic activity of the resulting mutant CD26 (CD26-629A) was examined by transfecting Jurkat cells with plasmids expressing intact CD26, CD26-629A, or vector only. Transformed cells were cultured in RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal calf serum, 4 mM glutamine, 50 µg/ml Gentamicin, and 0.25 mg/ml Geneticin (GIBCO), then harvested, lysed, and separated into a membrane fraction and a cytosol fraction (by the method of Siekierka et al., J. Immunol. 143:1580-1583, 1989). DPPIV activity of each fraction was measured in accordance with Hanski et al. (Exp. Cell Res. 178:64-72, 1988). Membranes from cells transformed with the plasmid encoding CD26-629A had almost no DPPIV activity, while membranes containing wild-type CD26 had substantial DPPIV activity. In addition, some DPPIV activity was observed in the cytosolic fraction of cells expressing wild-type CD26, but not cells expressing CD26-629A.

Although CD26-629A apparently lacks DPPIV activity, cells expressing CD26-629A were recognized by three anti-CD26 antibodies (1F7, Ta1(4EL), and 5F8) which recognize wild-type CD26, indicating that the mutant protein is expressed in the transformed cells, and suggesting that the mutation does not have a substantial effect on protein conformation.

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Jurkat cells expressing wild-type CD26 were stimulated with anti-CD3 antibody (OKT3) and either anti-CD26 antibody (1F7) or PMA produced substantially more IL-2 than cells expressing CD26-629A or cells transformed with vector only. This suggests that the DPPIV activity of CD26 is important for both CD26-dependent and CD26-independent activation. It was also observed that, after stimulation with anti-CD26 and anti-CD3 antibodies, cells expressing the mutant form of CD26 produced more IL-2 than control cells that did not express either mutant or wild-type CD26, suggesting that DPPIV activity is not the only facet of CD26 which contributes to stimulation of IL-2 production in this system.

#### Use

Soluble CD26 and variants thereof are generally useful as immune response-stimulating therapeutics. For example, the compounds of the invention can be used for treatment of disease conditions characterized by immunosuppression: e.g., AIDS or AIDS-related complex, other virally- or environmentally-induced conditions, and certain congenital immune deficiencies. The compounds may also be employed to increase immune function that has been impaired by the use of immunosuppressive drugs such as certain chemotherapeutic agents, and therefore are particularly useful when given in conjunction with such drugs. When given as an adjuvant in conjunction with a vaccine antigen, the compounds of the invention will boost the immune response triggered by the vaccine and thus increase the vaccine's protective potency. This would be particularly beneficial where the vaccinee is incapable of generating an optimal immune response without the use of such an adjuvant, as is the case for newborns or for persons undergoing renal dialysis or transplantation, or where the vaccine antigen is one which is poorly immunogenic.

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- Generally, the compounds of the invention will be suspended in a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier (e.g., physiological saline) and administered orally or by intravenous infusion, or injected subcutaneously, intramuscularly, or intraperitoneally. Optimal formulation and dosage can be readily determined by one of ordinary skill in the art of pharmacology, taking into account such factors as the biological half-life of the compound and the degree of immunostimulation desired.
- 10 It is expected that a typical dose for a severely immunocompromised patient will be approximately 0.01 to 100  $\mu\text{g/kg/day}$ . When utilized as a vaccine adjuvant, a typical single dose of the compound of the invention would be 0.1 to 100  $\mu\text{g}$ .
- 15 Instead of soluble forms of CD26, intact CD26 or a form of CD26 which retains the membrane-anchoring amino terminal portion of native CD26, as well as all critical portions of the remainder of the molecule, can be incorporated into red cell "ghosts" or liposomes, so that
- 20 the protein is expressed on the surface of the ghosts or liposomes. This form of CD26 is then suspended in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and introduced into the patient as described above, so that it can interact with the patient's immunological cells *in vivo*.
- 25 Alternatively, peripheral blood lymphocytes can be withdrawn from the patient and treated with a CD26 compound of the invention (whether in soluble or membrane-bound form, or attached to a solid support by standard methodologies) *ex vivo*, prior to introducing the
- 30 newly-stimulated lymphocytes into the same or a different patient.

As discussed above, the assay for enhancement of lymphocyte proliferation with soluble CD26 can be utilized to screen for compounds which inhibit such

35 enhancement, and which therefore could be used to

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interfere with CD26-stimulated proliferation of lymphocytes *in vivo*. The information provided above concerning the location of the DPPIV active site of CD26 provides a starting place for the design of compounds which will bind to the active site and thus potentially inhibit the stimulatory activity of CD26. Such compounds can first be tested for their ability to bind to CD26 by passing each such compound over a CD26 affinity column; compounds which bind to the column can then be assayed for their ability to inhibit soluble CD26-enhanced proliferation of lymphocytes *in vitro*, as described above. Such inhibitory compounds would be useful for the treatment of conditions characterized by an unwanted immune response: for example, autoimmune diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus and rheumatoid arthritis.

#### Other Embodiments

The invention also includes analogs of CD26 and of fragments of CD26. The term "analogs" refers to polypeptide fragments of CD26 having conservative and/or non-conservative substitutions for some of the amino acids of naturally-occurring CD26, having D-amino acids in place of some or all of the corresponding L-amino acids, or having non-peptide bonds in place of some of the peptide bonds of CD26. Techniques for producing such analogs are well known in the art, and can be readily accomplished by those of ordinary skill. Preferably at least 85%, more preferably at least 95%, and most preferably at least 99%, of the amino acids in the analog are identical to the corresponding ones in CD26. It is important that the substitutions do not eliminate the ability of the polypeptide fragment to interfere with the naturally occurring association between CD26 and CD45, or the ability of the compound to stimulate proliferation of lymphocytes. In some instances, the removal of peptide bonds from a polypeptide compound is a desirable goal

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because the presence of such bonds may leave the compound susceptible to attack by proteolytic enzymes.

Additionally, such peptide bonds may affect the biological availability of the resulting therapeutic  
5 molecules. The removal of peptide bonds is part of a process referred to as "depeptidization".

Depeptidization entails such modifications as replacement of the peptide bond (-CONH-) between two given amino acids with a spatially similar group such as -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -  
10 CH<sub>2</sub>-O-, -CH=CH-or -CH<sub>2</sub>S-, generally by incorporating a non-peptide mimetic of the dipeptide into the chemically synthesized analog of the invention.

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 Pro Ser Lys Lys Leu Asp Phe Ile Ile Leu Asn Glu Thr Lys Phe Trp  
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TAT CAG ATG ATC TTG CCT CCT CAT TTT GAT AAA TCC AAG AAA TAT CCT 1633  
 Tyr Gln Met Ile Leu Pro Pro His Phe Asp Lys Ser Lys Lys Tyr Pro  
 530 535 540

CTA CTA TTA GAT GTG TAT GCA GGC CCA TGT AGT CAA AAA GCA GAC ACT 1681  
 Leu Leu Leu Asp Val Tyr Ala Gly Pro Cys Ser Gln Lys Ala Asp Thr  
 545 550 555

GTC TTC AGA CTG AAC TGG GCC ACT TAC CTT GCA AGC ACA GAA AAC ATT 1729  
 Val Phe Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Thr Tyr Leu Ala Ser Thr Glu Asn Ile  
 560 565 570

ATA GTA GCT AGC TTT GAT GGC AGA GGA AGT GGT TAC CAA GGA GAT AAG 1777  
 Ile Val Ala Ser Phe Asp Gly Arg Gly Ser Gly Tyr Gln Gly Asp Lys  
 575 580 585

ATC ATG CAT GCA ATC AAC AGA AGA CTG GGA ACA TTT GAA GTT GAA GAT 1825  
 Ile Met His Ala Ile Asn Arg Arg Leu Gly Thr Phe Glu Val Glu Asp  
 590 595 600 605

CAA ATT GAA GCA GCC AGA CAA TTT TCA AAA ATG GGA TTT GTG GAC AAC 1873  
 Gln Ile Glu Ala Ala Arg Gln Phe Ser Lys Met Gly Phe Val Asp Asn  
 610 615 620

AAA CGA ATT GCA ATT TGG GGC TGG TCA TAT GGA GGG TAC GTA ACC TCA 1921  
 Lys Arg Ile Ala Ile Trp Gly Trp Ser Tyr Gly Gly Tyr Val Thr Ser  
 625 630 635

ATG GTC CTG GGA TCA GCA AGT GGC GTG TTC AAG TGT GGA ATA GCC GTG 1969  
 Met Val Leu Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Val Phe Lys Cys Gly Ile Ala Val  
 640 645 650

GCG CCT GTA TCC CGG TGG GAG TAC TAT GAC TCA GTG TAC ACA GAA CGT 2017  
 Ala Pro Val Ser Arg Trp Glu Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Val Tyr Thr Glu Arg  
 655 660 665

TAC ATG GGT CTC CCA ACT CCA GAA GAC AAC CTT GAC CAT TAC AGA AAT 2065  
 Tyr Met Gly Leu Pro Thr Pro Glu Asp Asn Leu Asp His Tyr Arg Asn  
 670 675 680 685

TCA ACA GTC ATG AGC AGA GCT GAA AAT TTT AAA CAA GTT GAG TAC CTC 2113  
 Ser Thr Val Met Ser Arg Ala Glu Asn Phe Lys Gln Val Glu Tyr Leu  
 690 695 700

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CTT ATT CAT GGA ACA GCA GAT GAT AAC GTT CAC TTT CAG CAG TCA GCT 2161  
 Leu Ile His Gly Thr Ala Asp Asp Asn Val His Phe Gln Gln Ser Ala  
                   705                  710                  715

CAG ATC TCC AAA GCC CTG GTC GAT GTT GGA GTG GAT TTC CAG GCA ATG 2209  
 Gln Ile Ser Lys Ala Leu Val Asp Val Gly Val Asp Phe Gln Ala Met  
                   720                  725                  730

TGG TAT ACT GAT GAA GAC CAT GGA ATA GCT AGC AGC ACA GCA CAC CAA 2257  
 Trp Tyr Thr Asp Glu Asp His Gly Ile Ala Ser Ser Thr Ala His Gln  
                   735                  740                  745

CAT ATA TAT ACC CAC ATG AGC CAC TTC ATA AAA CAA TGT TTC TCT TTA 2305  
 His Ile Tyr Thr His Met Ser His Phe Ile Lys Gln Cys Phe Ser Leu  
                   750                  755                  760                  765

CCT TAGCACCTCA AAATACCATG CCATTAAAG CTTATTAAAA CTCATTTTGT 2358  
 Pro

TTTTCATTAT CTCAAACTG CACTGTCAAG ATGATGATGA TCTTTAAAT ACACACTCAA 2418

ATCAAGAAAC TTAAGGTAC CTTTGTTCCC AAATTCATA CCTATCATCT TAAGTAGGGA 2478

CTTCTGTCTT CACAACAGAT TATTACCTTA CAGAAGTTTG AATTATCCGG TCGGGTTTTA 2538

TTGTTTAAAA TCATTTCTGC ATCAGCTGCT GAAACAACAA ATAGGAATTG TTTTATGGA 2598

GGCTTTGCAT AGATTCCCTG AGCAGGATTT TAATCTTTTT CTAAGTGGAC TGGTTCAAAT 2658

GTTGTTCTCT TCTTTAAAGG GATGGCAAGA TGTGGGCAGT GATGTCACTA GGGCAGGGAC 2718

AGGATAAGAG GGATTAGGGA GAGAAGATAG CAGGGCATGG CTGGGAACCC AAGTCCAAGC 2778

ATACCAACAC GACCAGGCTA CTGTCAGCTC CCCTCGGAGA AAAGTGTGCA GTCTGCGTGT 2838

GAACAGCTCT TCTCCTTTAG AGCACAATGG ATCTCGAGGG ATCTTCATA CCTACCAGTT 2898

CTGCGCCTCG AGGCGCGGAC TCTAGA 2924

## (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 2:

## (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 759  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS:  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

## (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 2:

Met Lys Gly Leu Leu Gly Ala Ala Ala Leu Val Thr Ile Ile Thr Val  
   1                  5                  10                  15

Pro Val Val Leu Leu Asn Lys Gly Thr Asp Asp Ala Thr Ala Asp Ser  
                   20                  25                  30

Arg Lys Thr Tyr Thr Leu Thr Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asn Thr Tyr Arg Leu  
                   35                  40                  45

Lys Leu Tyr Ser Leu Arg Trp Ile Ser Asp His Glu Tyr Leu Tyr Lys  
                   50                  55                  60

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Gln Glu Asn Asn Ile Leu Val Phe Asn Ala Glu Tyr Gly Asn Ser Ser  
 65 70 75 80  
 Val Phe Leu Glu Asn Ser Thr Phe Asp Glu Phe Gly His Ser Ile Asn  
 85 90 95  
 Asp Tyr Ser Ile Ser Pro Asp Gly Gln Phe Ile Leu Leu Glu Tyr Asn  
 100 105 110  
 Tyr Val Lys Gln Trp Arg His Ser Tyr Thr Ala Ser Tyr Asp Ile Tyr  
 115 120 125  
 Asp Leu Asn Lys Arg Gln Leu Ile Thr Glu Glu Arg Ile Pro Asn Asn  
 130 135 140  
 Thr Gln Trp Val Thr Trp Ser Pro Val Gly His Lys Leu Ala Tyr Val  
 145 150 155 160  
 Trp Asn Asn Asp Ile Tyr Val Lys Ile Glu Pro Asn Leu Pro Ser Tyr  
 165 170 175  
 Arg Ile Thr Trp Thr Gly Lys Glu Asp Ile Ile Tyr Asn Gly Ile Thr  
 180 185 190  
 Asp Trp Val Tyr Glu Glu Glu Val Phe Ser Ala Tyr Ser Ala Leu Trp  
 195 200 205  
 Trp Ser Pro Asn Gly Thr Phe Leu Ala Tyr Ala Gln Phe Asn Asp Thr  
 210 215 220  
 Glu Val Pro Leu Ile Glu Tyr Ser Phe Tyr Ser Asp Glu Ser Leu Gln  
 225 230 235 240  
 Tyr Pro Lys Thr Val Arg Val Pro Tyr Pro Lys Ala Gly Ala Val Asn  
 245 250 255  
 Pro Thr Val Lys Phe Phe Val Val Asn Thr Asp Ser Leu Ser Ser Val  
 260 265 270  
 Thr Asn Ala Thr Ser Ile Gln Ile Thr Ala Pro Ala Ser Met Leu Ile  
 275 280 285  
 Gly Asp His Tyr Leu Cys Asp Val Thr Trp Ala Thr Gln Glu Arg Ile  
 290 295 300  
 Ser Leu Gln Trp Leu Arg Arg Ile Gln Asn Tyr Ser Val Met Asp Ile  
 305 310 315 320  
 Cys Asp Tyr Asp Glu Ser Ser Gly Arg Trp Asn Cys Leu Val Ala Arg  
 325 330 335  
 Gln His Ile Glu Met Ser Thr Thr Gly Trp Val Gly Arg Phe Arg Pro  
 340 345 350  
 Ser Glu Pro His Phe Thr Leu Asp Gly Asn Ser Phe Tyr Lys Ile Ile  
 355 360 365  
 Ser Asn Glu Glu Gly Tyr Arg His Ile Cys Tyr Phe Gln Ile Asp Lys  
 370 375 380  
 Lys Asp Cys Thr Phe Ile Thr Lys Gly Thr Trp Glu Val Ile Gly Ile  
 385 390 395 400

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Glu	Ala	Leu	Thr	Ser	Asp	Tyr	Leu	Tyr	Tyr	Ile	Ser	Asn	Glu	Tyr	Lys
				405					410					415	
Gly	Met	Pro	Gly	Gly	Arg	Asn	Leu	Tyr	Lys	Ile	Gln	Leu	Ser	Asp	Tyr
			420					425					430		
Thr	Lys	Val	Thr	Cys	Leu	Ser	Cys	Glu	Leu	Asn	Pro	Glu	Arg	Cys	Gln
		435					440					445			
Tyr	Tyr	Ser	Val	Ser	Phe	Ser	Lys	Glu	Ala	Lys	Tyr	Tyr	Gln	Leu	Arg
	450					455					460				
Cys	Ser	Gly	Pro	Gly	Leu	Pro	Leu	Tyr	Thr	Leu	His	Ser	Ser	Val	Asn
465					470					475					480
Asp	Lys	Gly	Leu	Arg	Val	Leu	Glu	Asp	Asn	Ser	Ala	Leu	Asp	Lys	Met
				485					490					495	
Leu	Gln	Asn	Val	Gln	Met	Pro	Ser	Lys	Lys	Leu	Asp	Phe	Ile	Ile	Leu
			500					505					510		
Asn	Glu	Thr	Lys	Phe	Trp	Tyr	Gln	Met	Ile	Leu	Pro	Pro	His	Phe	Asp
	515						520					525			
Lys	Ser	Lys	Lys	Tyr	Pro	Leu	Leu	Leu	Asp	Val	Tyr	Ala	Gly	Pro	Cys
	530					535					540				
Ser	Gln	Lys	Ala	Asp	Thr	Val	Phe	Arg	Leu	Asn	Trp	Ala	Thr	Tyr	Leu
545					550					555					560
Ala	Ser	Thr	Glu	Asn	Ile	Ile	Val	Ala	Ser	Phe	Asp	Gly	Arg	Gly	Ser
				565					570					575	
Gly	Tyr	Gln	Gly	Asp	Lys	Ile	Met	His	Ala	Ile	Asn	Arg	Arg	Leu	Gly
			580					585					590		
Thr	Phe	Glu	Val	Glu	Asp	Gln	Ile	Glu	Ala	Ala	Arg	Gln	Phe	Ser	Lys
	595						600					605			
Met	Gly	Phe	Val	Asp	Asn	Lys	Arg	Ile	Ala	Ile	Trp	Gly	Trp	Ser	Tyr
	610					615					620				
Gly	Gly	Tyr	Val	Thr	Ser	Met	Val	Leu	Gly	Ser	Gly	Ser	Gly	Val	Phe
625					630					635					640
Lys	Cys	Gly	Ile	Ala	Val	Ala	Pro	Val	Ser	Arg	Trp	Glu	Tyr	Tyr	Asp
				645					650					655	
Ser	Val	Tyr	Thr	Glu	Arg	Tyr	Met	Gly	Leu	Pro	Thr	Pro	Glu	Asp	Asn
			660					665					670		
Leu	Asp	His	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Ser	Thr	Val	Met	Ser	Arg	Ala	Glu	Asn	Phe
	675						680					685			
Lys	Gln	Val	Glu	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Ile	His	Gly	Thr	Ala	Asp	Asp	Asn	Val
	690					695					700				
His	Phe	Gln	Gln	Ser	Ala	Gln	Ile	Ser	Lys	Ala	Leu	Val	Asp	Val	Gly
705					710					715					720
Val	Asp	Phe	Gln	Ala	Met	Trp	Tyr	Thr	Asp	Glu	Asp	His	Gly	Ile	Ala
				725					730					735	

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Ser Ser Thr Ala His Gln His Ile Tyr Thr His Met Ser His Phe Ile  
                   740                  745                  750

Lys Gln Cys Phe Ser Leu Pro  
                   755

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 755  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS:  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:

Met Lys Thr Pro Trp Lys Val Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Gly Ala Ala Ala  
   1                  5                  10                  15  
 Leu Val Thr Ile Ile Thr Val Ala Thr Ala Asp Ser Arg Lys Thr Tyr  
                   20                  25                  30  
 Thr Leu Thr Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asn Thr Tyr Arg Leu Lys Leu Tyr Ser  
                   35                  40                  45  
 Leu Arg Trp Ile Ser Asp His Glu Tyr Leu Tyr Lys Gln Glu Asn Asn  
                   50                  55                  60  
 Ile Leu Val Phe Asn Ala Glu Tyr Gly Asn Ser Ser Val Phe Leu Glu  
                   65                  70                  75                  80  
 Asn Ser Thr Phe Asp Glu Phe Gly His Ser Ile Asn Asp Tyr Ser Ile  
                   85                  90                  95  
 Ser Pro Asp Gly Gln Phe Ile Leu Leu Glu Tyr Asn Tyr Val Lys Gln  
                   100                  105                  110  
 Trp Arg His Ser Tyr Thr Ala Ser Tyr Asp Ile Tyr Asp Leu Asn Lys  
                   115                  120                  125  
 Arg Gln Leu Ile Thr Glu Glu Arg Ile Pro Asn Asn Thr Gln Trp Val  
                   130                  135                  140  
 Thr Trp Ser Pro Val Gly His Lys Leu Ala Tyr Val Trp Asn Asn Asp  
                   145                  150                  155                  160  
 Ile Tyr Val Lys Ile Glu Pro Asn Leu Pro Ser Tyr Arg Ile Thr Trp  
                   165                  170                  175  
 Thr Gly Lys Glu Asp Ile Ile Tyr Asn Gly Ile Thr Asp Trp Val Tyr  
                   180                  185                  190  
 Glu Glu Glu Val Phe Ser Ala Tyr Ser Ala Leu Trp Trp Ser Pro Asn  
                   195                  200                  205  
 Gly Thr Phe Leu Ala Tyr Ala Gln Phe Asn Asp Thr Glu Val Pro Leu  
                   210                  215                  220  
 Ile Glu Tyr Ser Phe Tyr Ser Asp Glu Ser Leu Gln Tyr Pro Lys Thr  
                   225                  230                  235                  240

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Val Arg Val Pro Tyr Pro Lys Ala Gly Ala Val Asn Pro Thr Val Lys  
 245 250 255  
 Phe Phe Val Val Asn Thr Asp Ser Leu Ser Ser Val Thr Asn Ala Thr  
 260 265 270  
 Ser Ile Gln Ile Thr Ala Pro Ala Ser Met Leu Ile Gly Asp His Tyr  
 275 280 285  
 Leu Cys Asp Val Thr Trp Ala Thr Gln Glu Arg Ile Ser Leu Gln Trp  
 290 295 300  
 Leu Arg Arg Ile Gln Asn Tyr Ser Val Met Asp Ile Cys Asp Tyr Asp  
 305 310 315 320  
 Glu Ser Ser Gly Arg Trp Asn Cys Leu Val Ala Arg Gln His Ile Glu  
 325 330 335  
 Met Ser Thr Thr Gly Trp Val Gly Arg Phe Arg Pro Ser Glu Pro His  
 340 345 350  
 Phe Thr Leu Asp Gly Asn Ser Phe Tyr Lys Ile Ile Ser Asn Glu Glu  
 355 360 365  
 Gly Tyr Arg His Ile Cys Tyr Phe Gln Ile Asp Lys Lys Asp Cys Thr  
 370 375 380  
 Phe Ile Thr Lys Gly Thr Trp Glu Val Ile Gly Ile Glu Ala Leu Thr  
 385 390 395 400  
 Ser Asp Tyr Leu Tyr Tyr Ile Ser Asn Glu Tyr Lys Gly Met Pro Gly  
 405 410 415  
 Gly Arg Asn Leu Tyr Lys Ile Gln Leu Ser Asp Tyr Thr Lys Val Thr  
 420 425 430  
 Cys Leu Ser Cys Glu Leu Asn Pro Glu Arg Cys Gln Tyr Tyr Ser Val  
 435 440 445  
 Ser Phe Ser Lys Glu Ala Lys Tyr Tyr Gln Leu Arg Cys Ser Gly Pro  
 450 455 460  
 Gly Leu Pro Leu Tyr Thr Leu His Ser Ser Val Asn Asp Lys Gly Leu  
 465 470 475 480  
 Arg Val Leu Glu Asp Asn Ser Ala Leu Asp Lys Met Leu Gln Asn Val  
 485 490 495  
 Gln Met Pro Ser Lys Lys Leu Asp Phe Ile Ile Leu Asn Glu Thr Lys  
 500 505 510  
 Phe Trp Tyr Gln Met Ile Leu Pro Pro His Phe Asp Lys Ser Lys Lys  
 515 520 525  
 Tyr Pro Leu Leu Leu Asp Val Tyr Ala Gly Pro Cys Ser Gln Lys Ala  
 530 535 540  
 Asp Thr Val Phe Arg Leu Asn Trp Ala Thr Tyr Leu Ala Ser Thr Glu  
 545 550 555 560  
 Asn Ile Ile Val Ala Ser Phe Asp Gly Arg Gly Ser Gly Tyr Gln Gly  
 565 570 575

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Asp Lys Ile Met His Ala Ile Asn Arg Arg Leu Gly Thr Phe Glu Val  
                     580                    585                    590  
 Glu Asp Gln Ile Glu Ala Ala Arg Gln Phe Ser Lys Met Gly Phe Val  
                     595                    600                    605  
 Asp Asn Lys Arg Ile Ala Ile Trp Gly Trp Ser Tyr Gly Gly Tyr Val  
                     610                    615                    620  
 Thr Ser Met Val Leu Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Val Phe Lys Cys Gly Ile  
                     625                    630                    635                    640  
 Ala Val Ala Pro Val Ser Arg Trp Glu Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Val Tyr Thr  
                     645                    650                    655  
 Glu Arg Tyr Met Gly Leu Pro Thr Pro Glu Asp Asn Leu Asp His Tyr  
                     660                    665                    670  
 Arg Asn Ser Thr Val Met Ser Arg Ala Glu Asn Phe Lys Gln Val Glu  
                     675                    680                    685  
 Tyr Leu Leu Ile His Gly Thr Ala Asp Asp Asn Val His Phe Gln Gln  
                     690                    695                    700  
 Ser Ala Gln Ile Ser Lys Ala Leu Val Asp Val Gly Val Asp Phe Gln  
                     705                    710                    715                    720  
 Ala Met Trp Tyr Thr Asp Glu Asp His Gly Ile Ala Ser Ser Thr Ala  
                     725                    730                    735  
 His Gln His Ile Tyr Thr His Met Ser His Phe Ile Lys Gln Cys Phe  
                     740                    745                    750  
 Ser Leu Pro  
                     755

## (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 4:

## (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 6  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS:  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

## (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 4:

Met Lys Gly Leu Leu Gly  
   1                    5

## (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 5:

## (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 13  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS:  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear



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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 5:

Met Lys Thr Pro Trp Lys Val Leu Leu Gly Leu Leu Gly  
 1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30  
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 6:

ACGCCGACGA TGAAGGGACT GCTGGGTGCT 30

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 10  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: linear  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 7:

Ile Ile Thr Val Ala Thr Ala Asp Ser Arg  
 1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 21  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: linear  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 8:

Ile Ile Thr Val Pro Val Val Leu Leu Asn Lys Gly Thr Asp Asp Ala  
 1 5 10 15

Thr Ala Asp Ser Arg  
 20

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 30  
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 9:

ACCATCATCA CCGTGGCTAC AGCTGACAGT 30

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH:	22
(B) TYPE:	nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS:	double
(D) TOPOLOGY:	linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 10:

GTACGTATCA TTAGCTATTG GA 22

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH:	593
(B) TYPE:	amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS:	
(D) TOPOLOGY:	linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 11:

Met	Lys	Thr	Pro	Trp	Lys	Val	Leu	Leu	Gly	Leu	Leu	Gly	Ala	Ala	Ala	1	5	10	15
Leu	Val	Thr	Ile	Ile	Thr	Val	Pro	Val	Val	Leu	Leu	Asn	Lys	Gly	Thr	20	25	30	
Asp	Asp	Ala	Thr	Ala	Asp	Ser	Arg	Lys	Thr	Tyr	Thr	Leu	Thr	Asp	Tyr	35	40	45	
Leu	Lys	Asn	Thr	Tyr	Arg	Leu	Lys	Leu	Tyr	Ser	Leu	Arg	Trp	Ile	Ser	50	55	60	
Asp	His	Glu	Tyr	Leu	Tyr	Lys	Gln	Glu	Asn	Asn	Ile	Leu	Val	Phe	Asn	65	70	75	80
Ala	Glu	Tyr	Gly	Asn	Ser	Ser	Val	Phe	Leu	Glu	Asn	Ser	Thr	Phe	Asp	85	90	95	
Glu	Phe	Gly	His	Ser	Ile	Asn	Asp	Tyr	Ser	Ile	Ser	Pro	Asp	Gly	Gln	100	105	110	
Phe	Ile	Leu	Leu	Glu	Tyr	Asn	Tyr	Val	Lys	Gln	Trp	Arg	His	Ser	Tyr	115	120	125	
Thr	Ala	Ser	Tyr	Asp	Ile	Tyr	Asp	Leu	Asn	Lys	Arg	Gln	Leu	Ile	Thr	130	135	140	
Glu	Glu	Arg	Ile	Pro	Asn	Asn	Thr	Gln	Trp	Val	Thr	Trp	Ser	Pro	Val	145	150	155	160

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Gly His Lys Leu Ala Tyr Val Trp Asn Asn Asp Ile Tyr Val Lys Ile  
 165 170 175  
 Glu Pro Asn Leu Pro Ser Tyr Arg Ile Thr Trp Thr Gly Lys Glu Asp  
 180 185 190  
 Ile Ile Tyr Asn Gly Ile Thr Asp Trp Val Tyr Glu Glu Glu Val Phe  
 195 200 205  
 Ser Ala Tyr Ser Ala Leu Trp Trp Ser Pro Asn Gly Thr Phe Leu Ala  
 210 215 220  
 Tyr Ala Gln Phe Asn Asp Thr Glu Val Pro Leu Ile Glu Tyr Ser Phe  
 225 230 235 240  
 Tyr Ser Asp Glu Ser Leu Gln Tyr Pro Lys Thr Val Arg Val Pro Tyr  
 245 250 255  
 Pro Lys Ala Gly Ala Val Asn Pro Thr Val Lys Phe Phe Val Val Asn  
 260 265 270  
 Thr Asp Ser Leu Ser Ser Val Thr Asn Ala Thr Ser Ile Gln Ile Thr  
 275 280 285  
 Ala Pro Ala Ser Met Leu Ile Gly Asp His Tyr Leu Cys Asp Val Thr  
 290 295 300  
 Trp Ala Thr Gln Glu Arg Ile Ser Leu Gln Trp Leu Arg Arg Ile Gln  
 305 310 315 320  
 Asn Tyr Ser Val Met Asp Ile Cys Asp Tyr Asp Glu Ser Ser Gly Arg  
 325 330 335  
 Trp Asn Cys Leu Val Ala Arg Gln His Ile Glu Met Ser Thr Thr Gly  
 340 345 350  
 Trp Val Gly Arg Phe Arg Pro Ser Glu Pro His Phe Thr Leu Asp Gly  
 355 360 365  
 Asn Ser Phe Tyr Lys Ile Ile Ser Asn Glu Glu Gly Tyr Arg His Ile  
 370 375 380  
 Cys Tyr Phe Gln Ile Asp Lys Lys Asp Cys Thr Phe Ile Thr Lys Gly  
 385 390 395 400  
 Thr Trp Glu Val Ile Gly Ile Glu Ala Leu Thr Ser Asp Tyr Leu Tyr  
 405 410 415  
 Tyr Ile Ser Asn Glu Tyr Lys Gly Met Pro Gly Gly Arg Asn Leu Tyr  
 420 425 430  
 Lys Ile Gln Leu Ser Asp Tyr Thr Lys Val Thr Cys Leu Ser Cys Glu  
 435 440 445  
 Leu Asn Pro Glu Arg Cys Gln Tyr Tyr Ser Val Ser Phe Ser Lys Glu  
 450 455 460  
 Ala Lys Tyr Tyr Gln Leu Arg Cys Ser Gly Pro Gly Leu Pro Leu Tyr  
 465 470 475 480  
 Thr Leu His Ser Ser Val Asn Asp Lys Gly Leu Arg Val Leu Glu Asp  
 485 490 495

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Asn Ser Ala Leu Asp Lys Met Leu Gln Asn Val Gln Met Pro Ser Lys  
 500 505 510  
 Lys Leu Asp Phe Ile Ile Leu Asn Glu Thr Lys Phe Trp Tyr Gln Met  
 515 520 525  
 Ile Leu Pro Pro His Phe Asp Lys Ser Lys Lys Tyr Pro Leu Leu Leu  
 530 535 540  
 Asp Val Tyr Ala Gly Pro Cys Ser Gln Lys Ala Asp Thr Val Phe Arg  
 545 550 555 560  
 Leu Asn Trp Ala Thr Tyr Leu Ala Ser Thr Glu Asn Ile Ile Val Ala  
 565 570 575  
 Ser Phe Asp Gly Arg Gly Ser Gly Tyr Gln Gly Asp Lys Ile Met His  
 580 585 590  
 Ala

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 12:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 7  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS:  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 12:

Gly Asp Lys Ile Met His Ala  
 1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 13:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 7  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS:  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 13:

Thr Pro Trp Lys Val Leu Leu  
 1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 11  
 (B) TYPE: amino acid  
 (C) STRANDEDNESS:  
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 14:

Pro Val Val Leu Leu Asn Lys Gly Thr Asp Asp  
1 5 10

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 15:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 5  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 15:

Gly Trp Ser Tyr Gly  
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 5  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS:  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 16:

Gly Xaa Ser Xaa Gly  
1 5

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Other embodiments are within the following claims.

What is claimed is:

## CLAIMS:

1. A nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking amino acids 3-9 of intact CD26.
2. A nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking amino acids 24-34 of intact CD26.
3. The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide has an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
4. The nucleic acid of claim 2, wherein said polypeptide has an amino acid sequence substantially identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
5. A plasmid comprising the nucleic acid of any of claims 1 or 2.
6. A polypeptide fragment of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally occurring binding interaction between CD45 and CD26.
7. A method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, said method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;
  - (b) incubating said first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;
  - (c) incubating said second sample in the absence of said candidate compound;
  - (d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to said first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26 antibody;
  - (e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to said second sample a second aliquot of said antibody; and

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(f) determining whether the amount of CD45 present in said first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD45 present in said second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD45 in said first immunoprecipitate than in said second immunoprecipitate indicating that said candidate compound inhibits said binding.

8. A method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to CD45, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and CD45;

(b) incubating said first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;

(c) incubating said second sample in the absence of said candidate compound;

(d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to said first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD45 antibody;

(e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to said second sample a second aliquot of said antibody; and

(f) determining whether the amount of CD26 present in said first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of CD26 present in said second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of CD26 in said first immunoprecipitate than in said second immunoprecipitate indicating that said candidate compound inhibits said binding.

9. A monoclonal antibody which, when contacted under physiological conditions with a cell expressing CD26 and CD45, interferes with the association of said CD26 and CD45.



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10. A cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD26, said cell expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface.

11. A cell transfected with a nucleic acid encoding CD45, said cell expressing both CD26 and CD45 on its surface.

12. A method of generating a hybridoma cell, said method comprising:

(a) providing a cell transfected with nucleic acid encoding CD26, such that said cell expresses CD26 on its surface;

(b) using said cell as an antigen to induce an immune response in a subject animal; and

(c) fusing a B lymphocyte from said subject animal with a cell from an immortal cell line to produce a hybridoma cell.

13. A polypeptide fragment of CD26 capable of disrupting the naturally-occurring binding interaction between p43 and CD26.

14. A method for screening candidate compounds to identify compounds capable of inhibiting the binding of CD26 to p43, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first and a second sample of cells expressing both CD26 and p43;

(b) incubating said first sample in the presence of a candidate compound;

(c) incubating said second sample in the absence of said candidate compound;

(d) generating a first immunoprecipitate by adding to said first sample a first aliquot of an anti-CD26 antibody;

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(e) generating a second immunoprecipitate by adding to said second sample a second aliquot of said antibody; and

(f) determining whether the amount of p43 present in said first immunoprecipitate is less than the amount of p43 present in said second immunoprecipitate, the presence of a lesser amount of p43 in said first immunoprecipitate than in said second immunoprecipitate indicating that said candidate compound inhibits said binding.

15. A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of CD26 carboxy-terminal to Ala37, wherein at least one of the amino acids in the segment Gly627-Gly631 is deleted or replaced with a different amino acid.

16. A polypeptide fragment of CD26 lacking residues 1-34 of intact CD26.

17. A vaccine adjuvant comprising a fragment of CD26 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

18. A method of screening candidate immunosuppressive compounds, said method comprising:

(a) contacting a lymphocyte with CD26 or a fragment of CD26 in the presence of a candidate compound, and

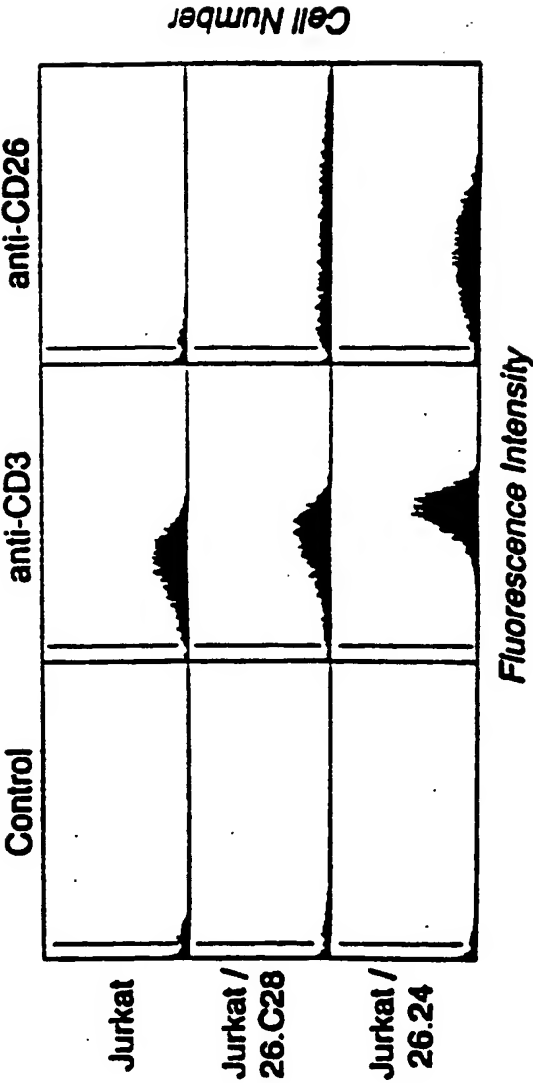
(b) determining whether said candidate compound inhibits the CD26-enhanced proliferation of said lymphocyte, said inhibition being an indication that said candidate compound has immunosuppressive activity.

19. CD26 or a fragment thereof affixed to a solid matrix material.

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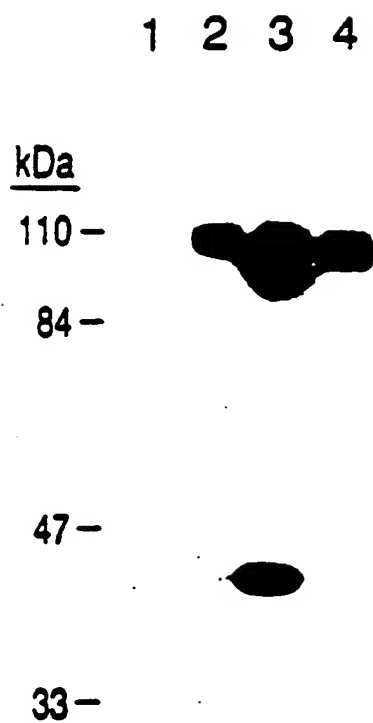
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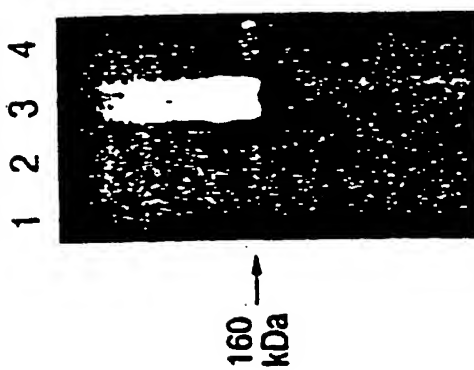
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FIG. 3A



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FIG. 3B



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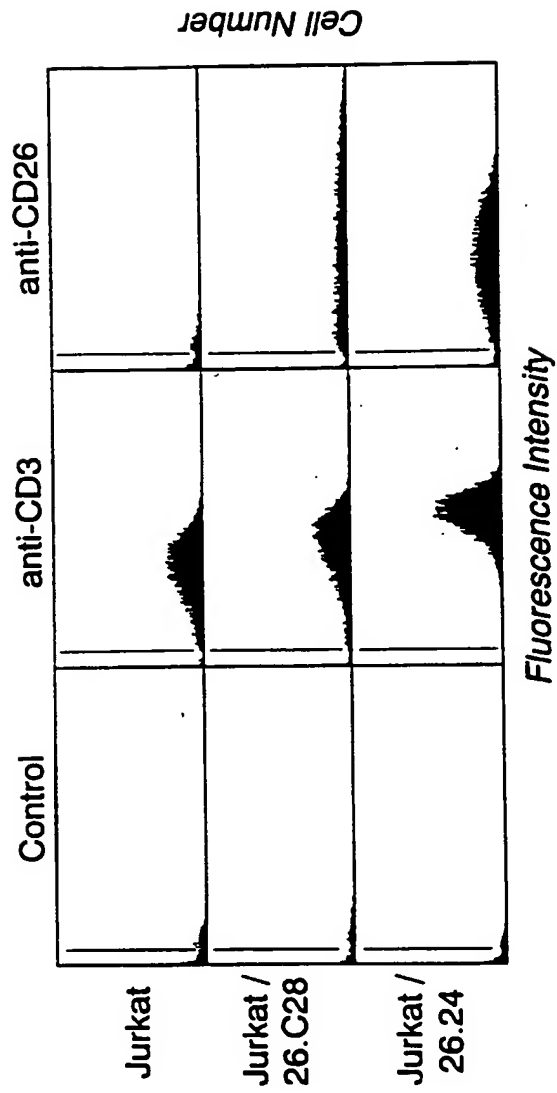


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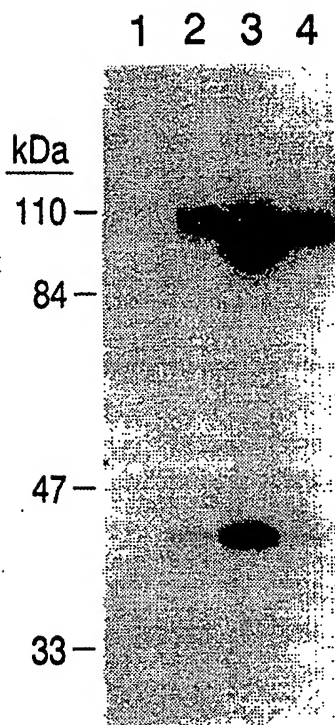


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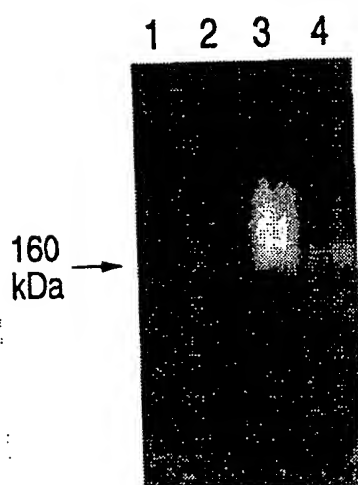


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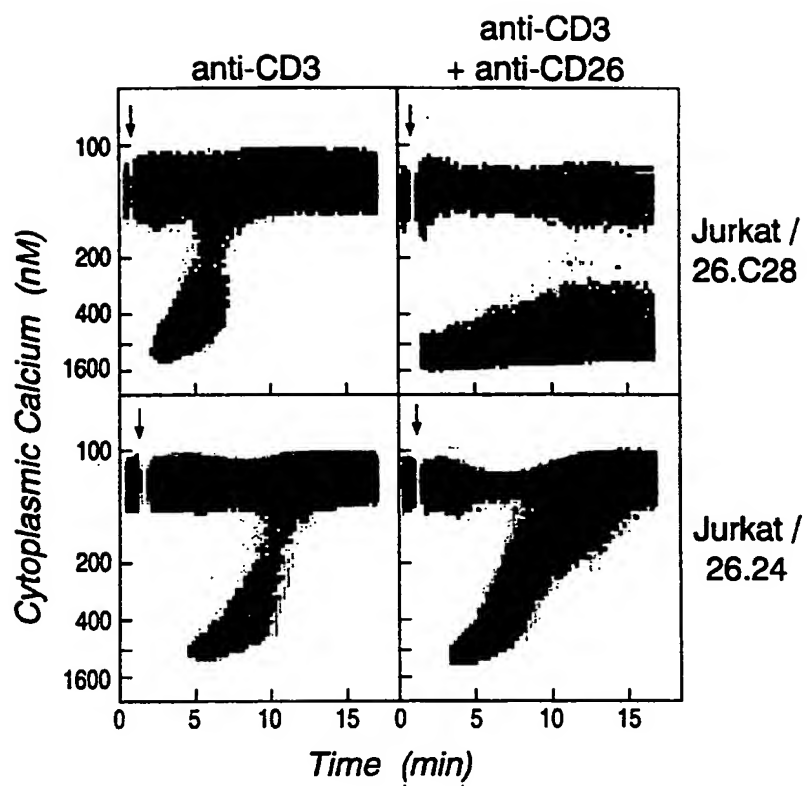


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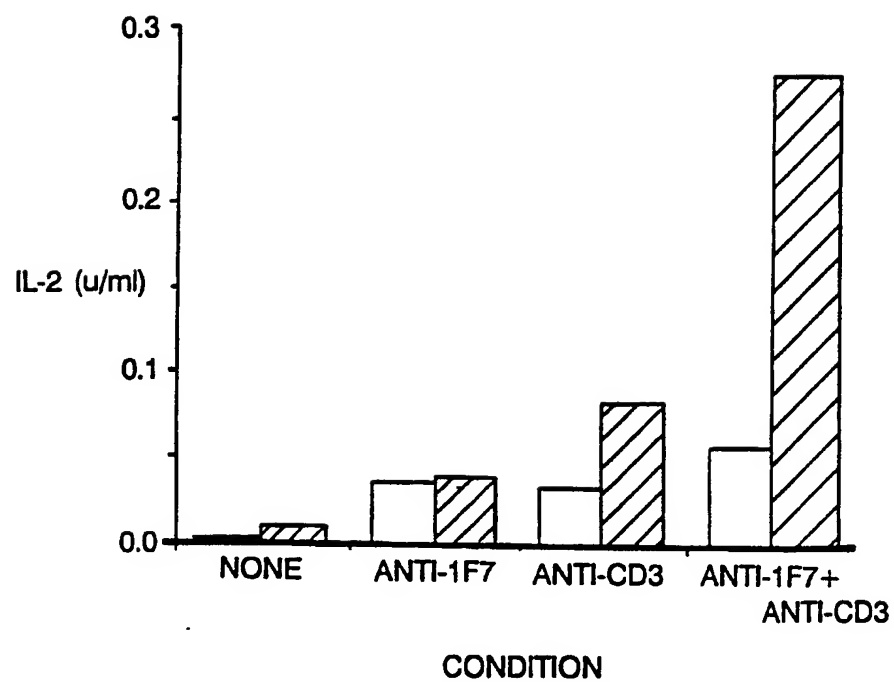


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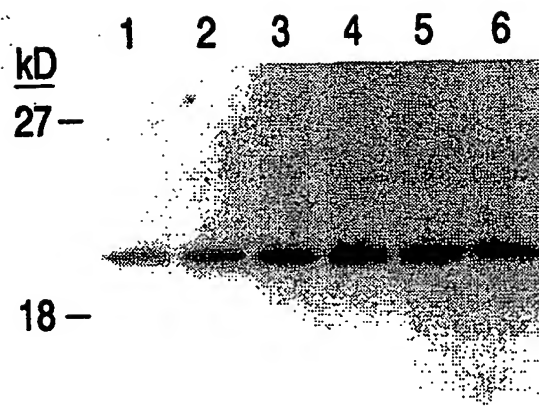


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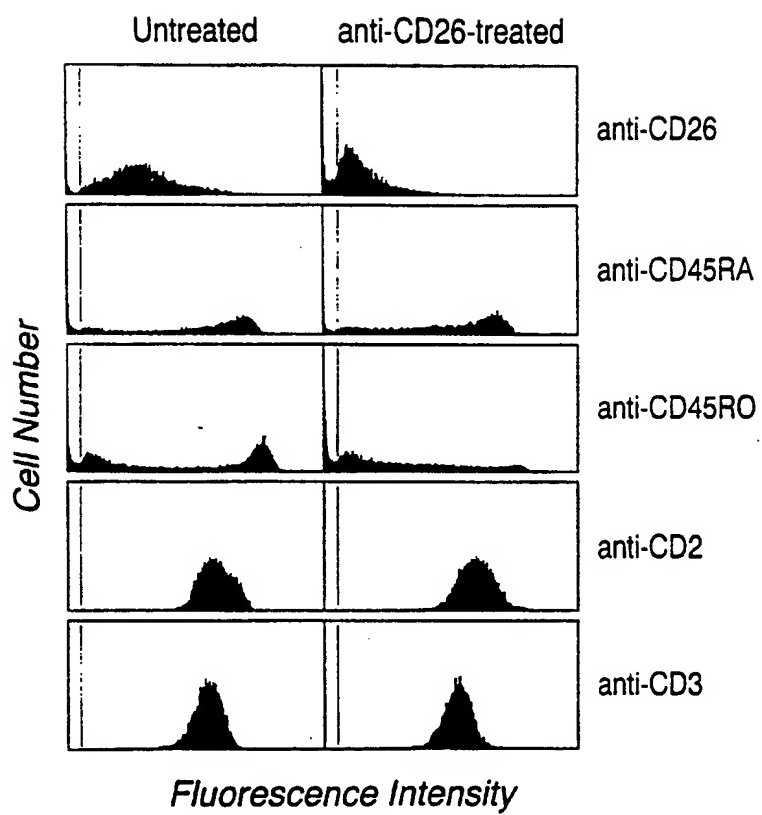


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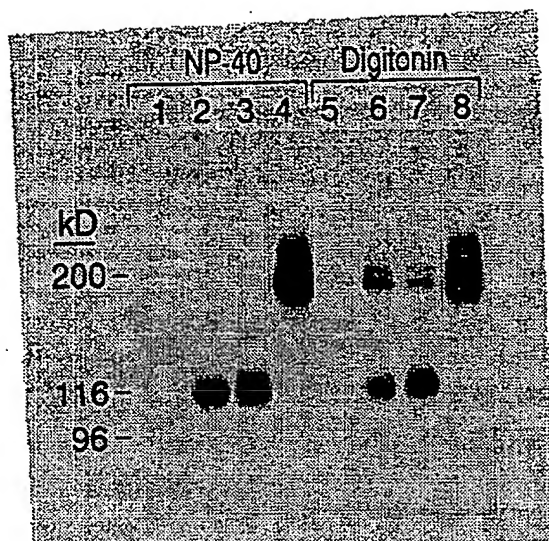


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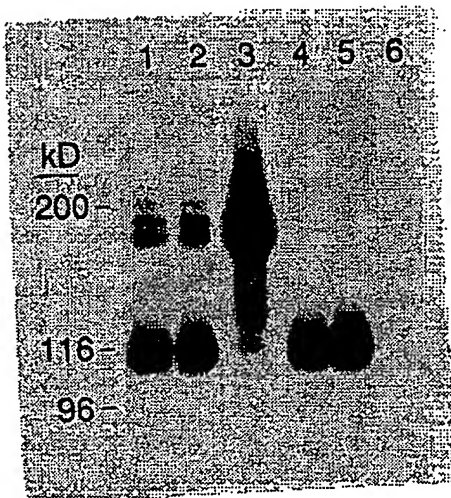


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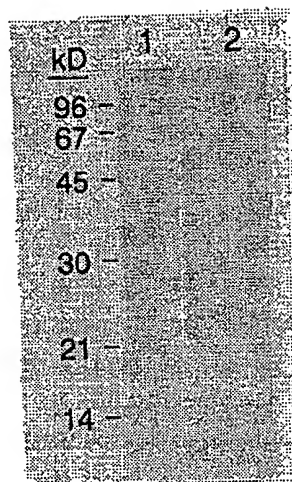


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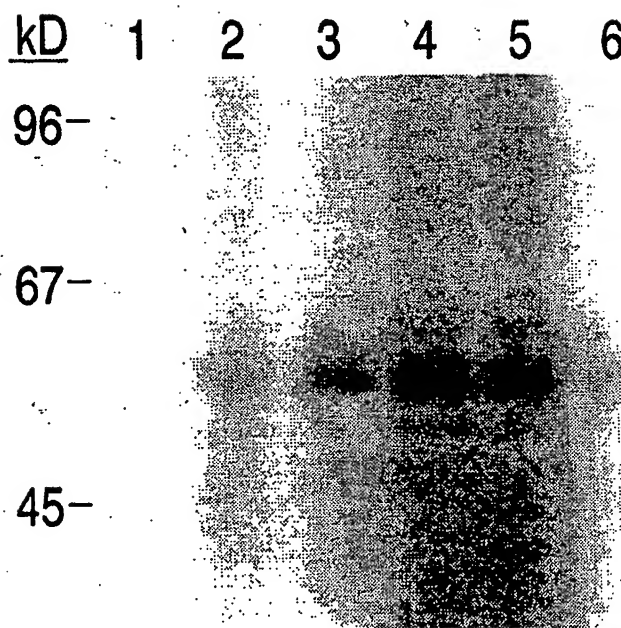


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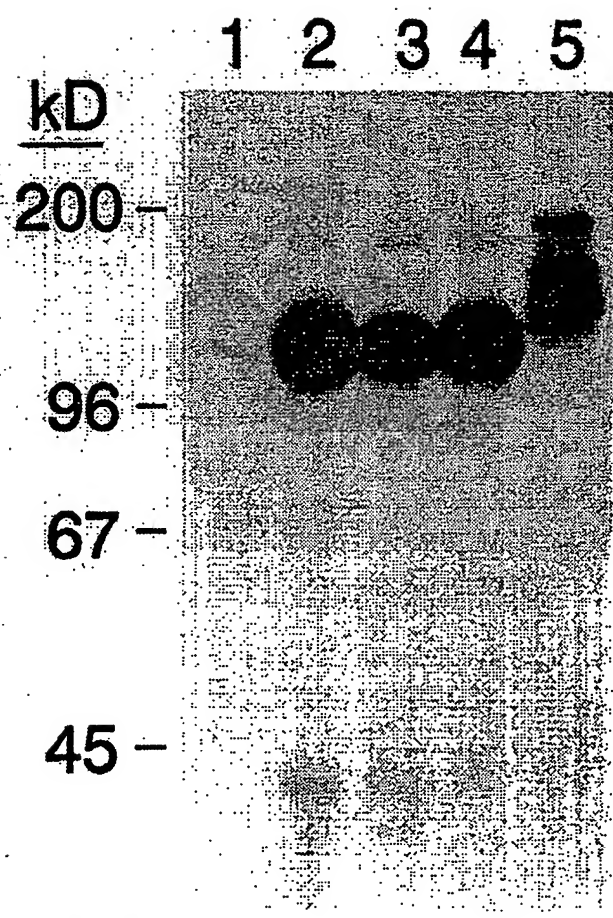


FIG. 12

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 551  
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 651  
 TPEDNLDHYRNSTVMSRAENFKQVEYLLIHGTADDNVHFQQS 701  
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FIG. 13



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 LVFNAEYGNSSVFLENSTFFDFGHSINDYSISPDGQFILLEYN 151  
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**FIG. 14**

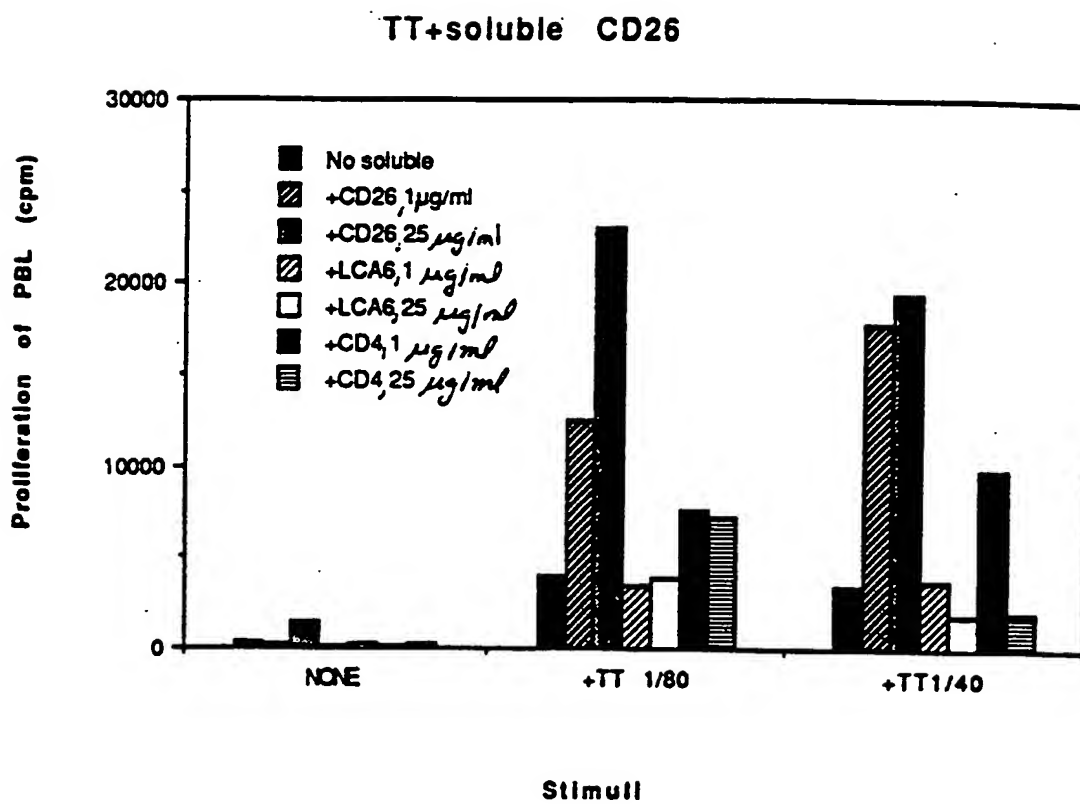
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FIG. 16



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